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### Pelle hails his attacking teammates

**GRAZIANO** Pelle has labelled the relationship between Saints' attacking players as a thing of beauty.

The Saints top-scorer has been proud of what the St Mary's club have achieved so far this campaign, especially the 3-1 win at Chelsea.

And it has led him to label the abilities of attacking companions Dusan Tadic and Sadio Mane as beautiful, writes Peter Howard.

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THREAT: Dusan Tadic.



TALENT: Sadio Mane.



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# SAINTS SPOTLIGHT

# Merseyslide not down to ex-Saints

## Koeman fights corner of former St Mary's stars

**RONALD Koeman has defended former Saints stars Adam Lallana, Dejan Lovren and Nathaniel Clyne and said that Liverpool's struggles are down to the club as a whole rather than any individuals.**

Lallana, Lovren and Rickie Lambert all departed St Mary's for Anfield over a year ago, while Clyne jumped ship for Merseyside in the summer.

None of them have really hit the heights expected of them for the price tags paid, *writes Adam Leitch.*

Lambert has subsequently left the club, Lovren has struggled badly, while Lallana has been in and out of the team. For Clyne it remains early days, but the Reds' struggles this season were underlined by the sacking of Brendan Rodgers.

Jürgen Klopp takes charge of his first home league match as Liverpool boss on Sunday with Saints the visitors to Anfield, and Koeman stuck up for the former Saints stars.

"The whole situation of the team, of the club," he said. "Maybe they had some difficulties to have and to show the expectation that everybody expect from Liverpool.

"You can take individual players out of that but the whole club, the



Adam Lallana, left, has made a stuttering start to his Liverpool career. BELOW: Dejan Lovren.

whole team, has really that difficulties.

"If it's not like that you don't sack maybe the manager because it's going wrong for the people who make that decision and not for me because I am out of that, I don't know. I am not part of it."

He added: "Maybe it's more easier to do it for Southampton than for Liverpool because the expectations are different.

"They are part of the team. Clyne was a fantastic right full back and Lallana was a great player and still Lallana is a very good technical player, and Lovren is injured at the moment and difficulties in the beginning but all of them are good

players for that level of Liverpool." Koeman has been asked a lot in the last few days for his views on Klopp, but has preferred to try and focus on his side.

The Saints boss is looking forward to meeting his German counterpart after the match, but before that will keep his thoughts to himself.

"Of course I have to talk about somebody who I don't know. It's difficult because then conclusions out of the press and that's difficult," said Koeman.

"He showed his qualities as a manager at Dortmund. Very successful. "He gets now the challenge to Liverpool.

"It's a big challenge for a manager and we will see what happens.

"I know about his history, that he was coach at Mainz and he get the opportunity but we have to understand that the manager will not win the game, the manager will not lose the game. It's the players who are involved in the final result.

"I understand a big story about Klopp in the press because it's Liverpool. But it's a bit too much."

When asked what advice he would give Klopp on his move to England, Koeman replied: "For me maybe it's different than for him but it's all about the person by himself.

"I am not the manager of Southampton to give Mr Klopp advice. Why?

"He's an experienced coach, he will do it by himself, I didn't get any advice from other managers when I came to Southampton."

## Pelle hails attacking chemistry

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"Two great players," he said about Tadic and Mane. "And I don't want to just name them because we have lots of great players on the bench too, like (Shane) Long and Jay Rod (Jay Rodriguez).

"But, honestly, Tadic and Mane, they're really good players. Two very different players, but that is beautiful because you can expect different things from us."

Pelle will return to the place it all started for him at Saints today when Ronald Koeman's side visit Liverpool at Anfield in the Premier League.

Back in August 2014, Koeman took charge of his first competitive match and five of his new signings, including the Italian, made their debut for Saints.

It ended in a 2-1 defeat, but Pelle takes away fond memories.

"Yes, there have been a lot of good things in my career as a football player," he explained. "I was young in the way of the Premier League player (at Anfield), but I remember also with pleasure not for the result.

"But it was a beautiful atmosphere and it let me understand a lot of things about the game.

"I had to work harder and be more competitive because it was going to be a difficult season. It was from that moment I realised that the Premier League was tough."

Pelle has scored five goals in the league this term and is keen to keep in good form.

"At the moment, yes, (I'm in good form) but it won't be enough. I must keep going and keep this (goal) numbers going until the end of the season," he said. "Otherwise all this hard work will not be worth it."

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## Pochettino keyed up for semi-final

TOTTENHAM head coach Mauricio Pochettino is likely to be twiddling his thumbs impatiently as he flies back to London after Sunday's Premier League clash at Bournemouth.

That is because the 43-year-old former Saints boss, pictured left, is an avid follower of rugby and will be keen to know how Argentina are faring in their semi-final clash with Australia at Twickenham.

Having finished third in the 2007 World Cup, the Pumas will be hoping to go one step further and reach the final of this year's tournament.

To do that Daniel Hourcade's side must upset the odds and see off a strong Wallabies team, with plenty of support coming from back home.

Pochettino was in the crowd at the Millennium Stadium for the quarter-final victory over Ireland but he will be otherwise engaged on Sunday as his Spurs side look to record a victory at the Vitality Stadium.

"I was at Cardiff last Sunday," he said following Tottenham's Europa League defeat in Anderlecht.

"It was fantastic - but I am focused on important game and then to see what happened with Argentina in the rugby.

"I am a rugby fan, because in my time when I was in France (playing for Paris Saint-Germain and Bordeaux) a lot of Argentine players were at

the Stade de France.

"I was a fan always because in Argentina the tradition of rugby is massive."

The Murphy-born manager may not be able to watch Sunday's semi-final as he will be carrying out his post-match duties and flying back from the south coast - but his family will be keeping him up to date with proceedings in south-west London.

"It is difficult to not find out the score because my wife and kid will be watching the game," he said. "They will be keeping in touch with me by phone. It is impossible for them to keep the information away from me.

"But I am sure Argentina have the possibility to win because they arrived in a good position and they are very fit and everyone is available. But Australia will be difficult."

Having made his name as a central defender who played in Argentina, Spain and France, picking up 20 international caps along the way, Pochettino still does not feel he would have ever been cut out for a career with the oval ball.

"I could never have been a rugby player," he added.

"I am not brave enough, like them. Yes I was a defender, but when you watch rugby you realise it is a very difficult sport and you need to be very, very, very brave."

# Howe hopes Cherries can become more streetwise

**BOURNEMOUTH manager Eddie Howe accepts his side have been naive this season but refuses to see the performances as a negative.**

Last weekend they were taken apart at Manchester City, losing 5-1 having been 2-0 down after just 11 minutes.

The Premier League newcomers were criticised by some pundits for chasing the game at 4-1 and Howe could not argue with that assessment.

"I'd probably agree with that. It comes with the territory for us in terms of lack of experience," he said.

"Managing some game situations, I don't think we have been particularly good.

2West Ham second-half (where they were 2-0 up at half-time and won 4-3) was hard to watch because we had been so dominant and we should have been out of sight, and suddenly we were clinging on to the win.

"I would probably agree with the assessment for Man City.

"I have no problem handling the criticism, I'll take that rather than aim it at the players but with the more experience we get and the more hardened we get to these situations the naivety will lose us."

Howe insists he has no issue with the team's approach and would rather have them trying to be positive on the pitch than slipping into a damage-limitation exercise.

"From our perspective, this season was always going to be really tough and an incredible learning experience not just for myself but the rest of the squad," added the manager, ahead of Sunday's visit of Tottenham.

"The experience of City everyone will see as a negative, but we are try-



Raheem Sterling wheels away to celebrate netting Manchester City's opener against Cherries last weekend.

ing to embrace it as a positive to see how far we have to go to be competitive with these teams.

"You can't take away the instincts of the players. We were 4-1 down and

tried to attack, but the alternative is to sit on your 18-yard box and put your tin hats on and then you are maybe looking at worse.

"But you can't find yourselves 2-0

down after 10 minutes and not expect a tough afternoon from that position - hopefully we have learned lessons from it.

"We did make tweaks before the

## NON-LEAGUE RESULTS

### FA CUP - FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND

Whitehawk 2 Poole Town 0  
Maidenhead 3 Woking 0  
Basingstoke 3 Torquay 0  
Boreham Wood 2 AFC Hornchurch 1  
Wealdstone 2 Bognor Regis 1  
Didcot Town 4 Brentwood 2  
Eastbourne Borough 1 Dover Athletic 2  
Chesham Utd 2 Enfield 1  
Staines 2 Gloucester City 1  
Aldershot 1 Sutton Utd 0  
Bromley 1 Eastleigh 2  
Margate 1 Forest Green 2  
Braintree 2 Harlow 0  
Havant & Waterlooville 3  
Cheltenham 3  
Chippenham 0 Maidstone 2  
St Albans City 2 Weston-super-Mare 1

### VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Bishop's Stortford 1 Dartford 2  
Chelmsford 0 Ebbsfleet 0  
Hemel Hempstead 1 Concord Rangers 2  
Maidstone pp Maidenhead  
Margate pp Bath City  
St Albans pp Gosport Borough  
Sutton Utd pp Oxford City  
Truro City 2 Gosport Borough 2

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division  
Bedworth 2 Bideford 2  
Cirencester 1 Dunstable 5  
Hitchin Town 2 Kettering Town 1  
Hungerford 1 Histon 0  
Paulton Rovers 1 Leamington 1  
Redditch 2 Dorchester 0  
Slough 3 Cambridge City 1  
St Neots 1 Merthyr 2  
Stratford 0 Frome 1  
Weymouth 2 Kings Lynn 0  
Division One South & West:  
AFC Totton 0 Banbury 4  
Bashley 0 Tiverton 2  
Bridgwater 1 Marlow 0  
Cinderford 2 North Leigh 1  
Evesham 4 Burnham 0  
Slimbridge 1 Mangotsfield 1  
Taunton 1 Shortwood 2  
Wantage v Larkhall  
Winchester City 4 Bishops Cleeve 1  
Yate 5 Swindon Supermarine 2

### SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division:  
Alresford 1 Hamworthy Utd 2  
Andover 3 Lymington 1  
Cowes Sports 1 Moneyfields 0  
Fareham 0 Newport IOW 1  
Fawley 3 Bemerton HH 2  
Follands 1 Brockenhurst 3  
Salisbury 1 Blackfield & Langley 2  
Sholing 2 Horndean 0  
Team Solent 7 Whitchurch 2  
Verwood 2 Bournemouth Poppies 2  
Division One:  
Andover NS 1 Pewsey Vale 1  
Downton 0 Portland 5  
East Cowes Vics 0 New Milton 6  
Fleet Spurs 2 AFC Stoneham 1  
Hythe & Dibden 2 Romsey 1  
Ringwood 2 Amesbury 1  
Tadley Calleva 4 Christchurch 0  
Totton & Eling 5 Laverstock & Ford 1  
US Portsmouth 3 Alton Town 1

### PUMA ENGINEERING HPL

PEHPL CUP, second round:  
Andover Lions 1 Paulsgrove 2  
Burridge AFC 6 Overton 0  
Bush Hill 9 Four Marks 6  
Infinity 3 Headley 1  
Liphook 1 Hamble 2  
Michemersh 0 Winchester Castle 3  
Otterbourne 2 Liss Athletic 4  
Premier Division:  
Fleetlands 5 Hedge End Rangers 3  
Locks Heath 5 Colden Common 1  
Stockbridge 1 QK Soton 2  
Division One:  
AFC Petersfield 1 Lyndhurst 3  
Broughton 4 Netley Central 1  
Upham 0 Sway 3  
Combination East:  
Clanfield 2 AFC Petersfield 0  
Hayling United 1 Fleetlands 5  
Headley United 0 Liphook United 0  
Liss Athletic 4 Baffins Milton Rovers 4  
Combination West:  
Hamble Club 7 QK Southampton 1  
Hedge End Rangers 1 Bush Hill 4  
Overton United 1 Otterbourne Res 2.



# Non league FOOTBALL



Brett Williams

## Williams' goal snatches victory away from Pompey

HAVING victory snatched away at the end was painful enough for Portsmouth on Tuesday night.

But, to rub salt in the wounds, Stevenage Borough's stoppage-time equaliser was netted by a Southampton lad.

With just seconds remaining, Paul Cook's side looked on course for a 1-0 victory that would have returned them to the SkyBet League Two summit.

Brett Williams, though, had other ideas, bouncing off the bench in the 90th minute and finding space in the box to

head home Charlie Lee's long throw – much to the displeasure of the Fratton faithful.

The former Winchester City, AFC Totton, Eastleigh, Reading and Aldershot frontman from Hedge End was signed by Stevenage boss Teddy Sheringham in the summer.

He had scored 43 goals in 99 appearances for the Shots, having joined them from Reading on a free transfer in 2013.

Reflecting on the moment he broke Pompey hearts, 27-year-old Williams

said: "He [Sheringham] just said 'get hold of it, get in the box and try and nick a goal'. That was it – and I did!"

"No one wants to sit on the bench, but he picks the side and the lads did brilliant so I'm happy to play my part."

Deflated Pompey goalkeeper Aaron McCarey admitted: "It's disappointing to concede like that. It's a long throw and the ball has bounced in the six-yard box."

"It's looped over me and didn't give me a chance."

## Luffman's delight

OTTERBOURNE are fired-up for the Hampshire Premier League title race, writes **PETER HOWARD.**

The Senior Division's current leaders, as the Sports Pink went to print, are locked in what manager Richard Luffman calls a "mini league" that consists of four teams that will fight it out for the county top-flight crown until the end.

Otters have Liss Athletic, Hamble Club and Baffins Milton Rovers in hot pursuit of their summit spot, which they hold having played more games than any of the other teams.

The title race is made even more complicated with fourth-placed Baffins having played two less games than everyone else, but still remain unbeaten.

Luffman knows that Otters have a long battle ahead as the four teams battle it out for the lead.

"You can already see that the top four teams at the moment are going to be battling it out for the title," Luffman explained.

"We lost to Bush Hill a couple of weeks ago and for us that is a massive set back. That could cost us at the end of the season."

### Superb

"Baffins have been very consistent, more so than last term, so we're going to have to work hard to stay up there."

"We've been superb, though, you look back over last season we've barely been beaten."

"The team we have now are superb, they're a Wessex League team really."

Otterbourne have also set their sights on pitting themselves against teams they hope one day they will be in the same league as.

Already they've faced three Sydenhams League teams, coming out on top against New Milton Town and Totton & Eling from the Wessex second tier.

They were narrowly defeated by Team Solent 2-1 in the Southampton Senior Cup, but Luffman was pleased with how his team have coped.

"We're really happy with the results we've got against those team," he said.

"We're now really looking forward to seeing how we do against Folland Sports in the middle of November."

Otters have also added highly-rated Sunday league striker Craig Harding to their ranks after the experienced forward Ash Hewer was ruled out with injury.

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# Todd says Strevens will be Eastleigh's 'bounce board'

Manager hopes midfielder will be link to the players

**NEW Eastleigh boss Chris Todd has added one of the club's most dependable players to his coaching staff.**

Ben Strevens will act as what Todd calls a "bounce board" between the team and the management staff at Stoneham Lane, writes **WENDY GEE.**

In the experienced Shaun North, Todd has chosen a vastly experienced assistant manager but, at the same time, he values the input of a younger man on the coaching team who is close to the players.

Still an excellent midfield operator at the age of 35, Strevens has been pivotal in getting Eastleigh out of the Conference South and establishing them as a major National League force.

### Link

He arrived at the Silverlake from Dagenham & Redbridge in June 2013 having previously played for the likes of Barnet, Brentford, Wycombe Wanderers and Gillingham in the Football League.

"Ben's come on board with me and Northy in an in-between role," Todd explained.

"Obviously his main priority will be playing, but every team needs a link between the players and the management and Strevs is someone I respect."

### Bounce board

"We need him to be that bounce board."

Todd got to know his right-hand man North when they were at Torquay United together – Todd as a player and North as assistant manager.

Torquay's boss at the time was ex-Weymouth manager Paul Buckle who, having taken the job, quickly invited ex-Pompey



Ben Strevens has a new role at Eastleigh under Chris Todd

coach North onto his coaching staff.

The Gulls were in the Conference at the time and made short work of reaching the play-offs and the 2007/08 FA Trophy final.

They lost both matches but the following year Torquay were promoted

back to League Two and reached the FA Cup fourth round.

"Northy was my assistant manager at Torquay and I've got lots of respect for him. He's good at what he does and he's the right person for the job," said Todd.

"He got promoted with Torquay and he'll help my career in my new role, the same as he's helped many other managers to be successful in this league."

"It's a pleasure to have him at this football club. He's settled in lovely."



# AFC Totton 0 Banbury Utd 4

## Johnson treble condemns Stags to heavy home loss

**AFC TOTTON were outplayed by a buoyant Banbury United side who revelled in the wide open spaces of the Testwood Stadium to secure a 4-0 Southern One South & West victory this afternoon.**

As expected, Totton were without Eastleigh loanees Tony Lee and Jack Alexander, who were away with their parent club, *writes Wendy Gee.*

Mike Gosney and Marc Diaper were also missing for the home side, but Nathaniel Sherborne returned from a spell out with tendonitis.

Banbury played a lot of passing football despite their over-playing eventually costing them dear in a 4-0 defeat at Winchester City last week.

Ironically, though, it was from a route one move that they took the lead with just eight minutes gone.

Darius Browne dissected the Totton defence with a long ball which ran straight through to towering striker Ricky Johnson.

Stags keeper Steve Mowthorpe had already denied Leam Howards with an early block, but this time he was well beaten as JOHNSON coolly passed the ball home.

Despite some tenacious tackling by Sherborne, Totton still looked vulnerable and, following another long ball forward, Johnson came precious close to a second.

The home side responded with an 18th-minute burst by Nick Watts, but his shot lacked power and, a minute later, the Stags found themselves with a mountain to climb.

Yet again they were undone straight through the middle with Duran Martin this time slipping the ball through to HOWARDS who finished tidily from ten yards.

Totton had a let-off on 23 minutes when danger-man Johnson smacked the bar with a header from Zac McEachran's free kick.

Opportunities were few and far between for Totton, but there was a glimmer of hope when Taylor Edwards forced a corner and, from Jake Rawkins' delivery, Luke Dempsey flashed a header over.

But even that had a down side with Dave Allen sustaining an ankle injury inside the box. Thankfully, the Totton mid-fielder was able to continue after lengthy treatment.

The game took time to settle back down, but Banbury soon looked menacing again with Johnson turning his marker on the edge of the area before dunking a shot straight into Mowthorpe's grasp.

The Puritans carved out the first chance of the second half with Browne chipping a shot over following a short corner.



**FROM BAD TO WORSE:** Totton players react after falling 2-0 down at home to Banbury. *Daily Echo picture by Stuart Martin*

Totton responded with their most promising move of the game - young Rawkins motoring down the left and delivering a dangerous cross which just eluded Sherborne at the far post.

But that promise quickly evaporated when Banbury went 3-0 up on 52 minutes.

It was a goal of painful simplicity from a home perspective with JOHNSON left totally unmarked to nod in Howards' left-wing cross.

With United tails up, Howards then combined well with Browne, whose shot cannoned off the woodwork.

Apart from an Edwards chance that

he hit straight at keeper Jack Harding, Totton produced little of note prior to Mowthorpe getting two strong hands behind sub Lewis Joyce's close-range blast.

The Banbury No 12 then turned and belted a shot straight into Mowthorpe's midriff before firing wastefully over at the end of another slick passing move from the visitors.

Banbury had to hastily intercept as Sherborne looked to get a shot away from Neil Williams' through ball but, on 86 minutes, JOHNSON completed his hat-trick for the visitors with a towering header from McEachran's corner.

## Reason sends Spitfires soaring into first round

### Bromley 1 Eastleigh 2

**EASTLEIGH** summoned up a performance at Bromley laced with quality and sheer grit to book a place in Monday's FA Cup first round draw.

Yemi Odubade nodded the Spitfires in front three minutes in, with Chris Todd's team rampant in the early stages.

Louis Dennis drew the hosts level on 63 minutes, from where they looked favourites to go on and secure victory.

That was without reckoning for Jai Reason (pictured), however, whose slightly fortuitous 78th minute goal won it for the away side, *writes Paul McNamara.*

Eastleigh's lightning start was rewarded when Reason took up possession on the left. The attacker clipped a terrific ball to the far post, from where Joe Partington headed across goal for Odubade to nod home from close range.

Shortly after his side's breakthrough Reason was denied by Chris Kettings, the home stopper smothering at visiting player's feet yards from goal.

Bromley's first moment of promise was provided by winger Anthony Cook, driving a long range strike high of the target.

Jamie Turley was then in action, when Cook pounced, amid a melee in the Spitfires' box. The winger drove at goal, but Turley flung himself in the path of the ball to preserve his team's lead.

Bromley's growing confidence was then epitomised by centre-half Ben Chorley slaloming his way forward into the Spitfires' area.

Chorley traded passes with Moses Emmanuel to find himself in on goal, with a combination of Turley and visiting number 1 Ross Flitney finally quashing the defender's adventurous raid.

Reason twice came close to extending



Eastleigh's lead prior to the break, hitting wide from distance, before being repelled by Kettings' sharp stop.

In between those near misses Reason was embroiled in a contentious moment, when Cook went down in the area under the attacker's challenge. Much to Cook's ire, however, referee Nigel Lugg ignored the Ravens' furious penalty appeals.

Dennis came close to levelling soon after the restart, the winger hammering an 18-yard effort an inch past the left upright.

As the Ravens' ramped up the pressure Emmanuel rifled into the side-netting from an acute angle on the right.

The hosts' equaliser duly arrived on 63 minutes, however.

Dennis launched the move, drifting across-field, to feed Cook on the right. Galloping onto the return pass, Dennis dipped back inside and crashed the ball emphatically into the roof of the net.

Emmanuel came close to turning the tables entirely, when he recovered from Turley's initial tackle to prod a foot wide.

With Bromley in the ascendancy, Eastleigh's winner came as a bolt from the blue. Reason swung an innocuous looking delivery in from the left that should have posed no threat to the home defence. Nevertheless, with his defenders watching on, Kettings remained rooted to his spot and allowed the ball to limp past him and into his net.

Emmanuel was wide with a thumping half-volley shortly after Reason's goal, but that was the closest the home side would come to forcing a replay.

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JULY															
Thurs 30 Vitesse (EL) . . . . .H	W 3-0	Stekelenburg	Yoshida	Fonte	Soares	Targett	S Davis	Tadic+ 1	Wanyama	Clasie*	Mane=	Pelle 1	Long+ 1	Juanmi*	Reed=
AUGUST															
Thurs 6 Vitesse (EL) . . . . .A	W 2-0	Stekelenburg	Yoshida	Fonte	Martina	Caulker	S Davis=	Tadic+	Wanyama	Ward-Prowse	Mane	Pelle* 1	Jaunmi+	Rodriguez*	Reed=
Sun 9 Newcastle . . . . .A	D 2-2	Stekelenburg	Targett	Fonte	Soares+	Yoshida	S Davis	Rodriguez*	Wanyama	Tadic	Mane	Pelle 1	Martina+	Long* 1	
Sat 15 Everton . . . . .H	L 0-3	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	S Davis=	Long*	Wanyama	Tadic+	Mane	Pelle	Romeu+	Rodriguez*	W-Prowse=
Thurs 20 Midtjylland (EL) . . .H	D 1-1	Stekelenburg	Caulker	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	Ward-Prowse*	Wanyama	Rodriguez+ 1	Mane	Pelle	Long+	Juanmi*	
Sun 23 Watford . . . . .A	D 0-0	Stekelenburg	Caulker	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	S Davis*	Wanyama	Soares	Mane+	Pelle=	Long+	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez=
Thurs 27 Midtjylland (EL) . . . .A	L 0-1	Stekelenburg	Caulker+	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	S Davis=	Martina	Ward-Prowse	Rodriguez*	Pelle	Tadic+	Long*	Juanmi=
Sun 30 Norwich (1.30pm) . . . .H	W 3-0	Stekelenburg	Soares+	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	S Davis+	Tadic 2	Ward-Prowse	Mane=	Pelle 1	Rodriguez+	Martina*	Jaunmi=
SEPTEMBER															
Sat 12 WBA (3pm) . . . . .A	D 0-0	Stekelenburg	Soares*	Fonte	Targett	Van Dijk	Rodriguez+	Wanyama	Tadic	Ward-Prowse	S Davis	Pelle	Mane+	Yoshida*	Long=
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KELVIN DAVIS	1	0	0	0	299(2)	0	STEVEN CAULKER	1	0	3	0	4	0	GASTON RAMIREZ	0	0	0(1)	0	27(24)	8
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PAULO GAZZANIGA	0	0	0	0	20(1)	0	HARRISON REED	0	0	0(2)	0	7(13)	0	GRAZIANO PELLE	9	5	4	2	55(2)	23
MAYA YOSHIDA	5(3)	0	4(1)	0	74(10)	2	VICTOR WANYAMA	8	0	3	0	63(10)	3	SHANE LONG	1(3)	1	1(3)	3	23(24)	11
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FLORIN GARDOS	0	0	0	0	11(6)	0	JAMES WARD-PROWSE	5(3)	0	3	0	59(42)	2	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	0	0	3(16)	1
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CUCO MARTINA	0(3)	0	2	0	2(3)	0	DUSAN TADIC	8	3	2(1)	1	39(9)	9							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.



# SAINTS SPOTLIGHT

# Lack of unity bringing national game down



**WITH a disappointing draw at home to Leicester and the end of the Euro qualifiers, it's back to the routine world of Premier League football.**

I sometimes wonder if I'm the only one who's completely non-plussed by the national side these days?

There was a time when I would take huge interest in England and the Saints players that represented their country.

Not anymore.

During the last World Cup, Southampton was at the epicentre of English football.

Four Saints players were starting for England with a fifth knocking forcibly on the door. For a fairly newly promoted club this was just sensational. Little old Southampton was suddenly the talk of the town...

And then it all fell apart.

The football purist in you tells you that if a young player can represent his country whilst playing for a club like Southampton, earn a decent wage whilst playing for a club like Southampton, then why can't he stay at Southampton?

## Recruitment centre

Why can't he, and the rest of these talented players, make history and win something at Southampton?

The answer comes from the England training camp, a venue that now somewhat resembles a recruitment centre for the so called bigger clubs.

You can imagine these young lads getting together, comparing wage slips and having their heads turned by tales of other clubs and other lifestyles that the newly capped players can only dream of.

Rather than being the summit of every footballer's career, playing for your country nowadays is seen as a chance to pump up your wage packet.

It's not about the three lions on our shirt or the fans in the terraces. Playing for your country makes you more marketable and more likely to get a bigger, better contract elsewhere.

If you look at modern football logically, what on earth is there to be gained by joining Liverpool or Tottenham?

If you're of my age group, then that question is a darn sight easier to answer than if you're in your twenties.

With *Back To The Future* day just passed and 2015 not having hoverboards or flying cars, it's somewhat ironic that Liverpool haven't won the title since Marty McFly went back in time.

Hell, even Tottenham have only won one major trophy in the last 30 years. If you're under the age of 30, why on earth would you



Cringeworthy: Adam Lallana

think either of these two clubs are still relevant in the modern game?

The answer is money and when you think of money and its abuse in the modern game you're invariably reminded of the national game and its institutions.

It seems that every week another FIFA official is being investigated for some financial impropriety. The game we all love is dominated by money. From league level to national level, the whole sport is dominated by cold, hard cash.

It has to be.

How else can you explain why players would leave a club like Southampton, up and coming, forward thinking and striving for success?

In a normal world, where you're talented footballer and your club has ambitions to succeed, why would you leave for clubs like Liverpool and Tottenham?

Clubs that promise much and yet continually fail?

Adam Lallana left for the bright lights of Liverpool.

He has won nothing. He's not come even close and his England career has stalled.

I won't even mention Rickie Lambert who's just disappeared off the face of the planet or Dejan Lovren who's become a laughing stock.

What goes through a footballer's head when then think of leaving a club? Obviously the answer is money but surely there's

only so much money you can spend?

Once you get over £50,000 a week what more can you buy?

Designer clothes? Designer décor? What more can you have that nourishes your soul and makes you feel a better human being?

The truth is, every time I see Adam Lallana and that ludicrous Nivea advert, I laugh. No... I cringe.

And I have no doubt in my mind that every time Adam Lallana watches it he feels more and more chocolate covered, blissfully unaware that he's fast becoming a bit of a laughing stock.

It begs the question, just how out of touch are modern day footballers with the modern day fan?

There was a time when footballers were just like us. They lived amongst us and, when they retired, they became one of us.

## Reviled

Not any more, they live in million pound houses and are about as relevant to us as film stars and rappers.

That lack of rapport shows in the way footballers are instantly reviled the moment they switch clubs; they either desperately, and quite often furtively, engineer a move... or they do as Rickie Lambert did, go for the move but do so with dignity and respect.

Sadly Rickie Lambert is in a minority.

The fact players can be adored one moment and reviled the next shows just how little we care for them these days.

Their status of hero or villain can change in a heartbeat.

So what's the answer?

Don't you believe for one second that the predicted changes at FIFA are a precursor to a major shift in attitude in football.

Football fans will bemoan the effect of money in one breath and then complain their club doesn't spend enough in the next.

Bayern Munich fans have it right. The German League has it right. Ticket prices aimed at normal human beings and a policy that the whole game revolves around the people who pay to watch it.

## Buck the trend

Annoy them and the whole national game will fall apart.

You, as the football fan, need to have the courage to stand up and say "This is wrong and I won't give you my money until you out things right".

I'm proud to support a club that constantly strives to do things right, to support, create and nurture rather than buy, abuse and destroy.

Buck the trend.

Cleanse yourself of all that's wrong with football.

Keep supporting the Saints.



## Adam Rant



The week's big talking points  
with ADAM LEITCH

# Magic triumph of the human spirit

## Ironman World Champs a tonic to jaded sports

**IT WAS a truly amazing spectacle.**

To be present at the Ironman World Championships was both a dream come true, the trip of a lifetime and an honour all rolled into one.

Sports journalists have a reputation for being rather cynical and grizzly about their profession.

While many people around the country dream of getting paid to write or talk about sport for a living, those in the industry know the reality is not what it might seem from the outside and quickly tend to get downbeat about the job.

However, even for the cynics, there are still events and moments of sheer magic that remind you of the pure joy of sport.

For Adam Rant, the Ironman World Championships was such an event.

As a triathlete and triathlon enthusiast being at the equivalent of the World Cup final of the sport was always likely to be special. That it takes place in Hawaii makes it even more remarkable.

It is as if the world outside doesn't exist for the week in the build up to the race.

All of triathlon has descended on a minuscule area in the middle of the ocean for a week. It is bizarre in so many ways.

And yet it is also a celebration of the glory of sport.

Ironman, long distance triathlon in general, is one of the greatest examples of sport, so pure and true.

At its base level it is not sullied by money but by amateurs striving to reach their dream, what to many is a seemingly unattainable goal of completing a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile cycle and running a marathon.

This is no Tough Mudder or 5k run. There are no shortcuts. For these distances, anything other than total dedication and commitment to the cause for at least half a year – and that only if you are lucky enough to start with a strong fitness base – is the minimum requirement just to complete rather than compete.

Come to Hawaii and it's full of people who have taken it a step further.

The majority of the field have had to qualify. They are the best of the best of the sport, including the pros.

The heat is searing, the humidity incredible, the famous course, with the sun radiating off of the black lava fields, something to behold.



The final finisher crosses the line at the Ironman World Championships

There is something so quiet, so much solace, to be found on long stretches of the course.

There is no way for the athletes to escape themselves, their mental demons out there.

And yet still they find it within themselves to cross that finish line. When they do, and it is men and women of all ages from 18 to more than 80, their joy is unconfined.

It is magical, uplifting, a triumph

of the human spirit.

Anybody who ever feels cynical about top level sport, about the money washing around, just take a look at an event like this. It restores your faith.

## Jose not far wrong

JOSE Fonte's words this week that he wants to win some silverware and qualify for the Champions League with Saints after signing a new three year contract with the club should not be taken lightly.

Fonte's new deal is well deserved. He is fast on his way to becoming a legend of the club.

He has proven to be an excellent player, leader and guy to have around.

He takes being captain very seriously too, which is always good to see.

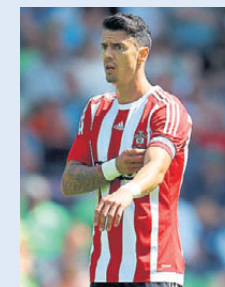
When he joined he predicted a rise to the Premier League in double quick time which happened.

He later predicated European football, which also came to be.

And so when he speaks he deserves to be listened to.

Perhaps the Champions League might seem a long way off now, but so did those other objectives when he first mentioned them.

Saints have a chance with him there.



Jose Fonte

## World Cup forgotten

IF EVER anybody wanted to know why it's best that a host nation stays in a major tournament for as long as possible then see this Rugby World Cup.

It's almost as if it's not even happening still. It has faded so far into the background.

With all the home nations having gone out by the quarter-final stage, it seems more of an inconvenience than an honour to be hosting it now.

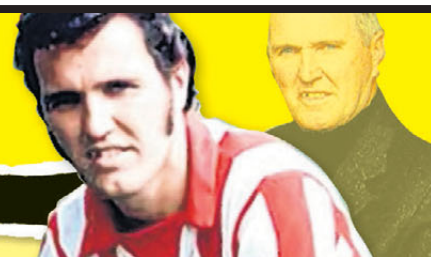
That it has fallen so flat is such a shame, as it has been another chance to showcase that the country is more than capable of hosting major sporting events.

Though there is nothing wrong with this one, that it is now a southern hemisphere tournament being played in the northern hemisphere just feels a bit weird.



# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



## Attacking threat but still a shaky defence

**THERE'S no doubt about it – Newcastle United's recent 6-2 triumph over Norwich City last time out was one of the best offerings of Premier League action in recent memory.**

For a side supposedly staving off the threat of relegation this term, the Magpies looked far more convincing and purposeful than they have done in a long, long time.

Steve McClaren's side somehow proved absolutely ferocious in the final third via their very own brand of dangerous counter-attacking play and raw intensity in front of goal, which will certainly go some way in appeasing the recent negativity within the St. James' faithful.

However, as the Magpies' defence remained equally shaky and as predictably vulnerable as it has done all season, some inconvenient warning signs were nonetheless in place for Newcastle last weekend, despite the obviously victorious nature of their win against the Canaries.

Whilst the likes of Moussa Sissoko, Ayoze Perez, Aleksandar Mitrovic – and of course not forgetting a certain four goal specialist, Georginio Wijnaldum – each produced a truly wonderful performance to look back on last time out, the St. James' faithful would certainly be naïve in thinking that their troubles are now over for the season.

Yes, each of the aforementioned names will likely go on to achieve even more on Tyneside throughout the course of this season, but there is arguably more to maintaining a place among the English top-flight than merely scoring goals.

In any case, although Wijnaldum and Perez seemingly don't arrive with many question marks surrounding their overall ability, Moussa Sissoko only really turns up when the occasion suits him – and as for the overly hot-headed Aleksandar Mitrovic – well, literally anything could still happen with that guy...

The biggest issue concerning Steve McClaren's side at the minute, however, is the clear lack of balance within this current Magpies outfit.

The Tynesiders admittedly have their attacking options on point at the moment, but the rest of the Newcastle United squad ultimately remains a far cry from Premier League-worthy as things currently stand.

Each of Vurnon Anita, Cheick Tiote and Jack Colback have categorically failed to establish much of a meaningful partnership in the middle of the park for their manager this term, which has unfortunately been one of the major downfalls of Newcastle's approach so far this season. To perform well among the testing conditions of the English Premier League, midfield battles simply need to be won more often than not.



Newcastle United's Georginio Wijnaldum (right) celebrates scoring his side's sixth goal, and his fourth of the game, against Norwich.

Yet whilst McClaren's centre midfielders by no means represent a trio well-versed in aiding their teammates in attack or at patrolling the space in front of their back-four, Newcastle's last line of defence eventually must go down as the biggest worry surrounding the Magpies this season. There just isn't enough defensive quality on offer at St. James' for the fans to justifiably remain assured this term.

No matter which way even the most optimistic Newcastle fan would see fit to survey the situation, Fabricio Colocini is no longer able to do the business in the English top-flight on a consistent enough basis. He sim-

ply fails to resemble the capable defender he once proved just a few short seasons ago.

Daryl Janmaat isn't exactly defensively reliable either despite his admirable qualities when providing attacks in the final third, the likes of Paul Dummett and Massadio Haidara seemingly produce errors with every passing match – and although young Chancel Mbemba has certainly proved decent so far this term – a certain Mike Williamson is still waiting in the wings should a few critical injuries occur among the Newcastle back-line this season.

The St. James' faithful therefore have more than enough to be worried about as

the rest of the 2015/16 campaign plays out. There is certainly a great amount of promise available among Steve McClaren's current ranks, just not enough of it throughout the entirety of his starting XI.

As there are arguably three worse sides still operating within the Premier League at the minute however, perhaps the Magpies will eventually stave off the threat of relegation well and truly in the end. The 2015/16 season is bound to produce its fair share of further frustration for the Newcastle fans though, despite the understandable sense of renewed positivity that has recently emerged on Tyneside.



## Your guide to the grand prix this weekend

THE Formula One circus has arrived in Texas for this weekend's US Grand Prix. Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the best statistics and trivia ahead of the 16th round of the championship.

● Lewis Hamilton (pictured below), who is 66 points clear of Sebastian Vettel and 73 points ahead of Nico Rosberg, could seal his third F1 title in Austin on Sunday if he wins, and Vettel finishes third or lower.

● Hamilton has a good track record across the pond. He won in Austin last year, as well as the inaugural race in 2012, and was also victorious in Indianapolis in his debut 2007 campaign. Of the current drivers, only Vettel, who won in Austin in 2013, has tasted victory on American soil.

● Winning this year's title would see Hamilton become the first Briton to successfully defend his F1 crown and mark a hat-trick of championships. Sir Jackie Stewart is the only other British driver to win the title more than twice.

● A third title will see Hamilton join an esteemed list of 10 drivers to have won the title three times or more; the others being Michael Schumacher (seven), Juan Manuel Fangio (five), Alain Prost



and Vettel (both four) and Ayrton Senna, Niki Lauda, Nelson Piquet, Jack Brabham and Stewart (all three).

● After winning in Russia, Hamilton now has nine victories to his name this season. He will need to win the remaining four races in Austin, Mexico, Brazil and Abu Dhabi to match Vettel's record of 13 race wins in one season.

● Manor driver Alexander Rossi will be the only American on the grid on Sunday. He is the 48th American driver to start an F1 race, and none of his predecessors have ever triumphed on home soil.

● Sauber, who made their F1 debut at the 1993 South African Grand Prix, will take part in the 400th race weekend in Austin. During that period they have won one race – as BMW-Sauber – and featured on the podium 26 times.

● The Circuit of the Americas in Austin is one of only four anti-clockwise tracks on this year's calendar – Singapore, Interlagos and Abu Dhabi are the others.

● Austin is the 10th venue to stage a US GP – Riverside, Sebring, Watkins Glen, Dallas, Detroit, Las Vegas, Long Beach, Phoenix and Indianapolis, have also hosted an F1 race.

# Saints hope to improve

**SAINTS travel to Anfield this weekend aiming to improve on a miserable record against Liverpool.**

The club have only won five of their 43 league encounters in front of the Kop.

The last came just two seasons ago when current Reds defender Dejan Lovren scored the only goal.

Prior to that, Brett Ormerod and Michael Svensson had been on target when Gordon Strachan's Saints won 2-1 on Merseyside in December 2003.

The meeting has gained some extra spice recently with the departures of Adam Lallana, Nathaniel Clyne and Lovren in the last couple of summers.

**Danny Maiorca** looks back at Saints' league record at Liverpool.

**August 31, 1960: Liverpool 0 Saints 1**

George O'Brien's solitary strike gave 'Ted Bates' men their first away win of the season in the Second Division.

**April 21, 1962: Liverpool 2 Saints 0**

Liverpool were crowned champions of the old second division and applauded off by visiting fans after this 2-0 triumph.

Kevin Lewis struck twice in the first half to give the Reds the victory.

**January 21, 1967: Liverpool 2 Saints 1**

Unbeaten at home for over 12 months, the Reds came from behind to win. Ron Davies' header put Saints in front, but Chris Lawler and Alf Arrowsmith extended the Reds' undefeated run.

**January 20, 1968: Liverpool 2 Saints 0**

Ted Bates' men lost to two second half goals. Geoff Strong opened the scoring 10 minutes after the break, before defender Ron Yeats added a second with four minutes to go.

**December 3, 1968: Liverpool 1 Saints 0**

Ian Callaghan's early strike was enough to seal victory.

**October 25, 1969: Liverpool 4 Saints 1**

In a season that would see Ted Bates become the longest-serving manager in the Football League,

Emlyn Hughes broke the deadlocks after just 10 minutes. Mick Channon grabbed an equaliser with just over an hour gone but the hosts scored three times in the last eight minutes through Roger Hunt (2) and an own goal.

**May 1, 1971: Liverpool 1 Saints 0**

Emlyn Hughes struck the winner.

**September 11, 1971: Liverpool 1 Saints 0**

John Toshack's 32nd-minute



Saints striker Brett Ormerod scores past Liverpool keeper Chris Kirkland at Anfield in December 2003.



Steve Moran rounds Bruce Grobbelaar to score Saints' Anfield winner in November 1981.

strike was enough to give the hosts maximum points.

**March 10, 1973: Liverpool 3 Saints 2**

On the day that the new Anfield Stand was opened by the Duke of Kent, the Saints' defence was also

porous.

Larry Lloyd and Kevin Keegan gave the home side a 2-0 advantage, before Mike Channon and Paul Gilchrist staged a comeback.

Their hearts were broken with just three minutes remaining, though, when Keegan fired home

the winner.

**February 26, 1974: Liverpool 1 Saints 0**

Southampton remained without a point in the first division at Anfield after Phil Boerema's controversial late goal.

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# Love Anfield record



Liverpool celebrate Daniel Agger's winning goal at Anfield in December 2012.



Graziano Pellè on his competitive Saints debut at Anfield in August 2014.

Despite claims of offside, the linesman let it stand and Saints ended the season relegated from the first tier.

**May 5, 1979: Liverpool 2 Saints 0**

Liverpool took another big stride towards winning the First Division

title, thanks to two goals from full back Phil Neal.

**January 12, 1980: Liverpool 1 Saints 1**

Saints finally picked up a top flight point at Anfield.

Phil Boyer gave Saints a surprise lead in the 31st minute, with Terry McDermott levelling in another

title-winning season.

**February 28, 1981: Liverpool 2 Saints 0**

Alan Kennedy gave the Reds the lead early in the second half, and Terry McDermott added a second to seal the win.

**November 28, 1981: Liverpool**

**0 Saints 1**

Nineteen years after their first win on Anfield turf, Saints finally recorded their second.

Steve Moran beat Alan Hansen for pace and rounded goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar three minutes from time to give Lawrie McMenemy his sole Saints win at Liverpool.

The Reds would go on to pick up yet another title, but for the visiting side, this was a momentous victory.

**September 25, 1982: Liverpool 5 Saints 0**

Mark Lawrenson and Ronnie Whelan both scored twice with future Saints manager Graeme Souness completing the nap hand as Saints slumped to the foot of the table.

**September 6, 1983: Liverpool 1 Saints 1**

In a season that saw Lawrie McMenemy's men push Liverpool all the way at the top of the league, this was a result that underlined their ability to hold their own against the best.

Despite Ian Rush giving the home side the lead in the 64th minute, Mick Mills was on hand with six minutes left to bend his free-kick beyond a surprised Bruce Grobbelaar.

## Pegged back

**November 10, 1984: Liverpool 1 Saints 1**

Once again, Ian Rush put the Reds ahead in the second half only for his side to be pegged back late on. This time it was Joe Jordan who came up with the goods.

**October 12, 1985: Liverpool 1 Saints 0**

Unable to compete in Europe following the consequences of the Heysel disaster, both sides played out a drab affair, Steve McMahon scoring in the 59th minute.

**February 28, 1987: Liverpool 1 Saints 0**

John Aldridge grabbed the only goal this time.

**May 2, 1988: Liverpool 1 Saints 1**

It was supposed to be a day of jubilation for Liverpool's final home game as they celebrated becoming English champions for an 18th time.

Everything seemed to be following the script when John Aldridge netted just before half-time, but 18-year-old Rod Wallace spoiled the party when he volleyed home in the 67th minute.

**January 21, 1989: Liverpool 2 Saints 0**

Strikes from John Aldridge and Ian Rush came within four minutes of each other.

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## Bale is up for Ballon d'Or award again

WALES winger Gareth Bale is the only British player included in FIFA's 23-man Ballon d'Or shortlist for the third successive year.

The ex-Saint is one of 11 players from Spain's Primera Division to make the list, with the Premier League and Bundesliga each contributing five.

Manchester City trio Sergio Agüero, Kevin De Bruyne and Yaya Touré have been shortlisted alongside Chelsea winger Eden Hazard and Alexis Sanchez, who backed up his Arsenal form by helping his country Chile to Copa America success in 2015.

But it is once again Real Madrid and Barcelona who dominate the list, from which one player will be voted as the year's best footballer at a ceremony in Zurich on January 11, 2016.

Bale is joined by 2014 winner Cristiano Ronaldo and fellow Real team-mates Karim Benzema, Toni Kroos and James Rodriguez, while Lionel Messi has Barcelona quartet Neymar, Luis Suarez, Andres Iniesta and Ivan Rakitic for company.

Arsene Wenger and Jose Mourinho are both on a 10-man shortlist for the coach of the year award, alongside Barcelona's Luis Enrique and Bayern Munich's Pep Guardiola.

England women's coach Mark Sampson is on the coach of the year for



women's football shortlist.

**BALLON D'OR SHORTLIST:** Sergio Agüero (Argentina/Manchester City), Gareth Bale (Wales/Real Madrid), Karim Benzema (France/Real Madrid), Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal/Real Madrid), Kevin De Bruyne (Belgium/Manchester City), Eden Hazard (Belgium/Chelsea), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Sweden/Paris St Germain), Andres Iniesta (Spain/Barcelona), Toni Kroos (Germany/Real Madrid), Robert Lewandowski (Poland/Bayern Munich), Javier Mascherano (Argentina/Barcelona), Lionel Messi (Argentina/Barcelona), Thomas Muller (Germany/Bayern Munich), Manuel Neuer (Germany/Bayern Munich), Neymar (Brazil/Barcelona), Paul Pogba (France/Juventus), Ivan Rakitic (Croatia/Barcelona), Arjen Robben (Holland/Bayern Munich), James Rodriguez (Colombia/Real Madrid), Alexis Sanchez (Chile/Arsenal), Luis Suarez (Uruguay/Barcelona), Yaya Touré (Ivory Coast/Manchester City), Arturo Vidal (Chile/Bayern Munich).

**COACH OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST:** Massimiliano Allegri (Juventus), Carlo Ancelotti (Formerly of Real Madrid), Laurent Blanc (Paris St Germain), Unai Emery (Sevilla), Pep Guardiola (Bayern Munich), Luis Enrique (Barcelona), Jose Mourinho (Chelsea), Jorge Sampaoli (Chile), Diego Simeone (Atletico Madrid), Arsene Wenger (Arsenal).



## A look back at Rooney's career so far

AS WAYNE Rooney turns 30, the Sports Pink looks at his career in numbers:

- 303 - His goal tally from 673 games for club and country.
- 50 - Rooney, pictured below, became the first man to reach a half-century of goals for England when he scored a penalty against Switzerland in September 2015.
- 107 - Rooney is tied with Ashley Cole as England's fifth most-capped player.
- 236 - The number of goals Rooney has scored in 489 games for Manchester United. He needs only 14 more to overtake Sir Bobby Charlton as United's all-time leading goalscorer.
- 187 - Rooney's haul of Premier League goals, putting him joint second behind Alan Shearer (260), level with Andy Cole.



- 3 - Goals Rooney scored on his United debut, a 6-2 Champions League win over Fenerbahce.
- 4 - His goal tally at Euro 2004, earning him a place in the team of the tournament.
- 34 - Rooney has twice scored this many goals in a season, in 2009/10 and 2011/12.
- 16 - Rooney was 16 years and 360 days old when he netted his first Premier League goal in October 2002 to help Everton beat Arsenal, making him the youngest Premier League goalscorer at the time.
- 17 - He remains England's youngest goalscorer having scored against Macedonia in 2003 aged 17 years and 317 days old.
- 30 - The fee, in millions of pounds, that Manchester United paid Everton for his services in 2004, then a world record for a teenager.
- 5 - The number of Premier League titles Rooney has won with United.
- 2 - Rooney and David Beckham are the only players ever to have been sent off more than once playing for England.

# Generations of Anfield

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**March 31 1990: Liverpool 3 Saints 2**

In a five-goal thriller, John Barnes' early finish was cancelled out by Paul Rideout and Jimmy Case.

However, Chris Nicholl's side could not hold on and Kevin Moore diverted the ball into his own net before Ian Rush popped up with another vital winner.

**February 29 1992: Liverpool 0 Saints 0**

**September 1 1992: Liverpool 1 Saints 1**

The first clash between the two sides at Anfield in the new Premier League era ended in another stalemate.

Kerry Dixon darted behind the Reds' defence to put the visitors into the lead, but ex-Saints defender Mark Wright equalised.

**October 30 1993: Liverpool 4 Saints 2**

Ian Branfoot's team put in a spirited performance but, despite two goals from Matt Le Tissier, came away with nothing.

A hat-trick from Robbie Fowler was the main difference, while Ian Rush also scored.

### Huge point

**April 5 1995: Liverpool 3 Saints 1**

Despite going ahead through Richard Hall, Alan Ball could only helplessly watch as his side conceded goals to Robbie Fowler (2) and that man Ian Rush again..

**December 2 1995: Liverpool 1 Saints 1**

Saints narrowly avoided relegation on goal difference, and this point turned out to be huge.

Although Neil Shipperley's 60th-minute header was cancelled shortly after by Stan Collymore, it was a result where David Merrington's strugglers did themselves proud.

**September 7 1996: Liverpool 2 Saints 1**

Now under the management of former Red Graeme Souness, struggling Saints suffered heartbreak in the 89th minute when Steve McNamman capitalised on a weak back-pass from Neil Heaney.

Neil Shipperley had earlier cancelled out Stan Collymore's first-half goal for the home side.

**February 7 1998: Liverpool 2 Saints 3**

Two goals in the final six minutes from Egil Ostensstad and David Hirst added to Hirst's earlier strike which had been cancelled out by Michael Owen. The England international then struck again in stoppage time to make for a nerve-racking finish.



Dani Osvaldo and Dejan Lovren celebrate the latter's winner Anfield two seasons ago.



Dejan Lovren celebrates scoring Saints' winner at Anfield in September 2013.

**January 16 1999: Liverpool 7 Saints 1**

The Saints' worst defeat at Anfield to date and one that summed up their season, one where they conceded 64 goals and again narrowly dodged the drop.

Another hat-trick from Robbie Fowler was added to by Michael Owen, Jamie Carragher and Dominic Matteo.

Despite Egil Ostensstad's consolation, it was a humiliating day and one former Everton player Dave Jones described as the "worst" of

his managerial career.

**May 7 2000: Liverpool 0 Saints 0**

**January 1 2001: Liverpool 2 Saints 1**

A trademark 35-yard strike from

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# eld agony for Saints



Paulo Gazzaniga can't stop Daniel Agger heading Liverpool's winner at Anfield in 2012.



Graziano Pelle and Dejan Lovren in Anfield action on the opening day of last season.

youngster Steven Gerrard put the Saints behind after just 11 minutes, but Trondt Soltvedt capitalised on slack defending from a Marian Pahars corner. Markus Babel was the match-winner, heading home with four minutes left.

January 19 2002: Liverpool 1

Saints 1

After Michael Owen's eighth-minute opener, Kevin Davies levelled just before the break.

August 24 2002: Liverpool 3 Saints 0

El-Hadji Diouf got the ball rolling after just 180 seconds, before he

added a second after the interval and Danny Murphy completed the victory in injury time.

December 13 2003: Liverpool 1 Saints 2

Saints produced an excellent display to leapfrog under-pressure Gerard Houllier's side.

Brett Ormerod gave the visitors a surprise lead after just two minutes, and Anders Svensson doubled their advantage on the hour.

Emile Heskey grabbed a consolation with 15 minutes to go.

December 28 2004: Liverpool 1 Saints 0

This was just one of 18 defeats Saints suffered on their way to finishing bottom.

It took Florent Sinama-Pongolle's 44th-minute goal to break down Harry Redknapp's outfit.

December 1 2012: Liverpool 1 Saints 0

The first meeting between the two sides in eight years finished in the same outcome as the last, with Daniel Agger's header the difference.

September 21 2013: Liverpool 0 Saints 1

Saints' first win at Anfield for a decade was vital in Liverpool's failure to win the league, and once again it was a single goal that decided the contest.

New signing Dejan Lovren's header was all Mauricio Pochettino's side needed to take three points back to St. Mary's.

The Croatian would join Brendan Rodgers' men at the end of the season.

August 17 2014: Liverpool 2 Saints 1

In Ronald Koeman's first game in charge of Saints, Raheem Sterling gave Brendan Rodgers' men the lead halfway through the first period, before future Red Nathaniel Clyne equalised.

Daniel Sturridge won the match late on, tapping the ball past debutant Fraser Forster from close range.

● Saints' record on Merseyside is not impressive.

From an 8-0 thrashing at Goodison Park in the 1970s to the 7-1 mauling at Anfield in 1999, Saints have always struggled for a result.

In all, Saints have lost 88 per cent of their league games at Everton and 87 per cent at Anfield.

Saints have won just 19 per cent of away matches in all competitions against the 10 other current Premier League teams since 1920.

## Slaying

They can, however, boast an impressive 6-2 rout of Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on September 2 1967, and the club's record at the home of the Blues is good.

Their recent 3-1 slaying of Jose Mourinho's side has now seen Saints triumphant in 26 per cent of their visits to Stamford Bridge.

Selhurst Park is Saints' favourite place to travel, with an impressive 38 per cent win ratio against Crystal Palace - including a 3-1 win on Boxing Day there last season.

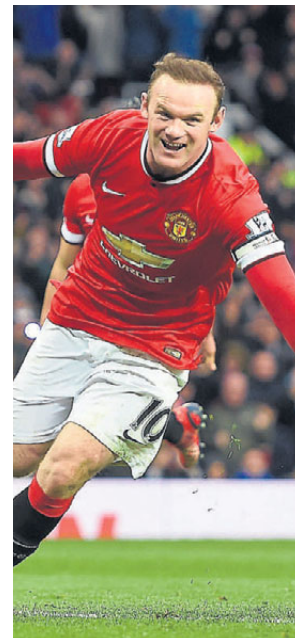
## Rooney at 30: Lesser known Wayne facts

WAYNE Rooney celebrates his 30th birthday on Saturday, October 24. Here, the *Sports Pink* digs out some lesser-known facts about the England and Manchester United captain:

● Rooney's bicycle kick against Manchester City in 2011 was voted the best of the Premier League's first 20 seasons. It also helped the striker win the Goal of the Season award on the BBC's *Match of the Day* for a third time.

● Rooney, pictured below, joined Everton, the club he supported as a boy, at the age of nine after being spotted by a Toffees' scout playing for Coppleshaw Boys' Club. He scored 99 goals in his final season.

● He was Everton's mascot for the Merseyside derby as a 10-year-old and chipped goalkeeper Neville Southall in the warm-up.



● Rooney was eligible to represent the Republic of Ireland through his grandmother, but turned down an approach aged 16.

● Rooney held the record for being the youngest goalscorer in European Championship history for four days. He scored twice against Switzerland at Euro 2004, only for Swiss midfielder Johan Vonlanthen to usurp him in the next game.

● The striker's younger brother John is also a professional footballer. Having spent time at Macclesfield, Barnsley, Bury and in Major League Soccer, the 24-year-old currently plays for Chester in the Vanarama National League.

● Rooney was sued for libel in 2006 by former Everton manager David Moyes following claims in the striker's autobiography about his departure. The case was settled out of court and Rooney apologised to Moyes, who he subsequently played under again when the Scot became United manager.

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# Non league FOOTBALL



## City bring in goalkeeping competition Brad Snelling

WINCHESTER City have brought in goalkeeping competition in the shape of Brad Snelling from Whitchurch United.

City had been short of cover in the No1 position ever since the summer when Ryan Gosney was unable to commit when Winchester belatedly gained promotion to the Southern One South & West.

Snelling was in the mix to replace Gosney but it did not come to fruition. Instead, City

signed two keepers – young Brendon Norris from Basingstoke Town and Jake Somerville from Slough Town.

Somerville quickly moved on and it is only now, two months later, that Norris finally has some competition on his hands.

City's director of football Dave Malone explained: "We spoke to Brad during the summer with a view to him being one of two goalkeepers and he didn't fancy it.

"But it was him who came back to us and said he regretted saying 'no'.

"It's up to him now to fight for a place and try and get the shirt off the other keeper."

Winchester manager Paul Masters added: "Brendon is doing well, but we needed cover.

"Brad is a Southampton lad who we looked at last year.

"We tried to get him in pre-season, but this time it was him who asked to come to us."



Brad Snelling

# Barron finds lots of benefits from playing at higher level

## Summer move to City gives Jamie new lease of life

**MIDFIELDER Jamie Barron feels he is adding a new dimension to his game at Winchester City.**

Having learned the basics of his craft at the Folland Sports' school of hard knocks in the Sydenhams Premier, the 26-year-old is benefitting from some higher education under City boss Paul Masters in the Southern One South & West, writes Wendy Gee.

Both ex-Saint Masters and former Follands boss Dave Lewis plied their trade as midfielders and Barron has learned plenty from them both.

He recalled: "I joined Follands the season they came up from Wessex One and was there with players like Jamie Musselwhite, Lloyd Webber etc.

"I was playing out of position in those days, tucked in on the right or left, but then there was a big player exodus which gave some of the other lads like myself, Pip Nolan, Matt Burt, Calum Brockway and Dan Mason a chance to come through.

"They made me captain and started playing me more centrally and Danny Bowers [former Follands boss] and Dave Lewis got a really good team spirit going.

"We were underdogs and we quite liked that. We had a decent team and it wasn't hard to get up for games against the sides above us like Winchester and Blackfield.

"At Follands it was all about teamwork and I'm sure Dave [Lewis] wouldn't mind me saying that he was more for doing the 'uglier' side of the game. Dave himself says that when he used to play in the same side as Paul Masters, he did all the dirty work and Paul did the business."

After five memorable seasons as a Planemaker, Barron admits it tugged at the heartstrings to pull himself away from the homely Hamble club.

"We had such a good spirit at Follands that it made it difficult to leave. It was hard to come away from that environment," he confessed.



Warren Bentley scores Winchester's third against Banbury with Jamie Barron watching on.

"But then Winchester came in for me and I saw last season out at Follands knowing I'd be coming here in the summer.

"Working with Paul has pushed me on another 15 per cent.

"He understands my position and knows what it takes to get the best out of people at this level.

"We've got better players here and having the best striker in local non-League [Warren Bentley] playing for us makes life a hell of a lot easier!

"Plus we've got people like Zach [Glasspool] and Taz [Roberts] who are quality."

Barron hails from the Thornhill area of Southampton and went to Weston Park Boys' School.

A lifelong Liverpool supporter, he works as a self-employed plumber and has just bought a house in Bitterne.

As a teenager, he dipped his toes into Southern League football under Mick Catlin at the old Andover FC.

From there he went to Sholing, but struggled to get a game, before linking up again with former Andover duo Bowers and Lewis at Follands.

One of his old Planemakers' teammates Rory Williams has successfully climbed into National League South football with Gosport Borough and Barron is hoping that, come next spring, he and Winchester will be vying for a place in the Southern Pre-

mier.

"The talk is of the play-offs.

"That's the minimum of where we want to be," he said.

"It's a tight league, but I don't think many teams will outplay us.

"It's just a case of how much we want to do it.

"We've stalled a bit in the last month but we've got to push on now.

"I think there was a bigger turnaround of players than expected over the summer because of getting [late] promotion to the Southern League and it's taken a while to bed in.

"But there's a very good team spirit at Winchester, similar to what we had at Follands.

"We've got some funny lads here!"

## Quins run riot in cup

BEMERTON Heath Harlequins bulldozed a youthful Aldershot Town side 5-0 in the Russell Cotes Cup on Tuesday.

It was a positive response from the Harlequins who had themselves shipped goals galore in a disappointing 5-1 defeat by Cowes Sports in the Sydenhams Premier Division last weekend.

Even without forwards Jack Slade and Russell Cook, Heath had too much firepower for the young Shots.

Manager Graham Kemp's game plan of stifling the visitors took immediate effect and it was Graham Mankin who broke the deadlock with a left-foot volley into the top corner.

Mankin struck again with a header from a corner before Lewis Cook weighed in with a quickfire double.

James Burden sealed the win and Mankin so nearly completed a hat-trick in the closing seconds, his header ricocheting off the bar.

Kemp said: "Our discipline was very, very good. It's always nice to get a clean sheet."



Graham Mankin

## Fireworks at Totton

AFC Totton have another Firework Night Spectacular lined up next month.

The Stags will be lighting up the sky over the Testwood Stadium on Friday, November 6 from 6pm.

The evening will also feature live music from the Southampton Ukulele Jam. The bar will be open and food available.

Tickets (£5 adults, £3 under-16s or £14 for a family ticket of two adults and two under-16s) can be purchased from the Testwood Stadium bar or by e-mailing chairman@afctotton.com.

Those buying tickets in advance will be entered into a draw for a chance to win £200.



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### Sholing's new signing eligible to take on former club

SHOLING'S new signing Dougie Rowe, left, is not cup-tied for the Hampshire FA Senior Cup and will be eligible to play against his old club Moneyfields in the third round in December.

As a director of cup sponsors BSA Regal, Boatmen's boss Dave Diaper pulled Sholing's name out of the hat for the trip to Dover Road, where former Horn-dean manager Dave Carter is in charge.

Diaper said: "I picked us out for Moneyfields away but, by December, I think it will be more like Horn-dean

away if the new manager takes players across with him.

"It's going to be tough for us. We would have preferred a home tie, but then looking at the calibre of the sides left in it, they were all going to be tough."

Blackfield & Langley host one of the standout ties of the last 16 at home to manager Glenn Howes' old club Basingstoke Town who are currently propping up the National League South.

Winchester City landed a home draw against National League neigh-

bours Eastleigh which pits chairman Paul Murray, director of football Dave Malone and assistant manager Paul Wiltshire against their former club.

Hampshire Senior Cup, third round: AFC Stoneham v Lymington Town, Aldershot Town v AFC Portchester, Blackfield & Langley v Basingstoke Town, Fleet Town v Brockenhurst, Moneyfields v Sholing, Petersfield Town v Havant & Waterlooville, Totton & Eling v Horndean or East Cowes Vics, Winchester City v Eastleigh.

### Le Tissier at event

**SYDENHAMS Premier Division pacesetters** Salisbury are holding 'An Evening With Matt Le Tissier' at their Raymond McEnhill Stadium home on Friday, December 4.

The Saints and England legend will be the star guest and speaker in the Sarum Suite as part of an entertaining evening that will also see Whites manager Steve Claridge act as auctioneer.

Tickets, priced £35 to include a sit-down, three-course meal, are strictly limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

"We are very grateful to Matt for agreeing to appear and for helping our new club," said Claridge. "He is a very entertaining speaker with lots of great stories and people are in for a treat."

Claridge will be auctioning some very special sporting memorabilia and merchandise on the night.

"Not only will it be a lot of fun, but there will be great stuff for people to bid for."

For tickets please ring 01722 776655 or email [mandy@salisburyfc.co.uk](mailto:mandy@salisburyfc.co.uk).



Matt Le Tissier

### Badgers fight back

**BROCKENHURST** twice fought back from behind to salvage a 2-2 Sydenhams Premier draw against Andover Town at Grigg Lane on Wednesday.

Danilo Cadete twice put the visitors in front, but the Badgers hit back each time through skipper Mark Barker and substitute Kabba Jack.

Andover had earlier had a penalty saved by Brock's veteran 'keeper Geoff Sim, while Jack Smith cleared another effort off the line.

The Badgers then came close to winning it late on when Scott Joyce headed against the bar.

Brock boss Pat McManus tweeted the next day: "Decent point for @BrockenhurstFC last night v @Andovertownfc - game could have gone either way but penalty save from @SimGeoff was massive!"

# Injuries hamper Boatmen's bid for Wessex League glory

### Manager unsure of title credentials after major issues

**DAVE Diaper would like to think Sholing could have a major say in the Sydenhams Premier Division title race.**

But, for the moment, the Boatmen are just "fighting fires" trying to get players fit for games, writes Wendy Gee.

The injury problems that blighted their Southern Division One South & West campaign last season show no signs of abating now that Sholing are back on the Wessex beat.

Defensive kingpin Pete Castle is chewing over possible retirement after battling a catalogue of injuries, while tigerish midfielder Jamie Bulpitt faces another couple of weeks sidelined with ankle problems.

Young Dan Dove only recently returned from injury and has now picked up knee ligament damage, while last term's player-of-the-season Alex Sawyer is still troubled by shin splints.

The latest of Jack Smith's string of injuries is a hamstring problem and goalkeeper Rory Anderson has had a lengthy spell out with a bad wrist.

"It frees us up to bring a few youngsters in, but it becomes difficult when you haven't fielded the same team twice all season," said Diaper.

"But when you're such a competitive side as we are, you're bound to pick up injuries.

"To their credit, we've had a few other lads, like Dan Miller and Lewis Kelly, playing with knocks, but we seem to be picking up fresh injuries every game.

"Hopefully once we start getting the players back we'll be a force to be reckoned with in the league.

### Fighting fires

"But we're already quite a few points behind [league leaders] Salisbury and we're realistic.

"At the moment we're fighting fires



**SIDELINED:** Jamie Bulpitt, right.

trying to get people fit for games."

One big plus for Sholing is the return of forward Dougie Rowe.

A product of the Boatmen's much-envied youth production line, Rowe is back at Portsmouth Road after doing the rounds with Follands, Winchester City, Totton & Eling, Fare-

ham Town and, latterly, Moneyfields.

Diaper said: "Now that [managers] Miles Rutherford and Graeme Gee have left Moneyfields, Dougie's back on board with us.

"He had a nasty knee injury which required an operation and was out for seven months. He's still on the

journey back to full fitness.

"It's good to have Dougie back in the camp. Back in the days of Warren Hunt and Paul Sales he found it difficult to get into the side.

"But he came through our system with Dan Mason and they're looking forward to getting back together."



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Eugene McManus

## Boss Diaper lavishes praise on lower league visitors

SHOLING boss Dave Diaper sees good times ahead for Hampshire Premier League side Bush Hill.

Although the Boatmen enjoyed a reasonably comfortable 3-0 ride through to the Southampton Senior Cup third round against the men from Millbrook, Diaper was mightily impressed with the lower league visitors and their manager Eugene McManus.

"I thought they were excellent," he said. "I used to play against teams from Millbrook and Maybush years ago and they usually lacked a bit of discipline,

but I was really impressed with Bush Hill.

"They kept the ball well and Eugene should be proud to manage that team.

"If they were playing in the Wessex Premier they wouldn't look out of place."

McManus's brother Pat, who Diaper knows well, is doing an equally impressive job at Sholing's league rivals Brockenhurst.

"Pat's going to be a great manager," said the Sholing boss.

"I don't know Eugene so well, but his

players did Bush Hill proud.

"They all tried to play football on the deck. They were good, very good."

Goals by Dan Mason, Kev Brewster and James Davis proved the difference between the sides, booking Sholing an all-Sydenhams Premier trip to Lymington Town in the next round.

"Lymington beat us 4-2 in the league so it's going to be tough," said Diaper.

"But it's good to be in all these cup competitions. We've got AFC Totton at our place next week in the Russell Cotes Cup."

# Hat-trick gets Lee off to a flying start on loan at Stags

**TONY Lee gave AFC Totton fans a flavour of what he is capable of in Tuesday's 7-2 Red Insure Cup drubbing of Bashley.**

The young, on-loan Eastleigh striker marked his debut with a hat-trick as the Stags ruthlessly punished ten-man Bash, booking themselves a home date with Winchester City on November 10, writes Wendy Gee.

"That kid can play a bit," smiled Totton boss Steve Hollick who has been a big admirer of Millbrook lad Lee since Eastleigh put him out on loan at Tiverton last season.

A product of the Spitfires' Academy system, Lee featured for Lymington Town in the Sydenhams Premier Division last term before stepping into the Southern League with Tiverton.

Until last week he had been plying his trade with Dorchester Town of the Southern Premier Division where he was recently joined by fellow Spitfires loanee Jack Alexander.

Now, thanks to the kind cooperation of new Eastleigh boss Chris Todd, both Lee and Alexander will play their football for Totton, providing they are not needed by their parent club.

Stags boss Steve Hollick said: "Tony really impressed us last season when he was on loan at Tiverton.

"For a lad of his age, he works so hard and he's good in the air. I totally understand why Eastleigh would have him.

"I tried to get him in pre-season, but he turned us down.

"I've kept in touch with him ever since, even when he was down on loan at Dorchester and when it transpired that the opportunity might be there to sign him I got in touch with Chris Todd, and what a nice guy he is.

"Bearing in mind it was the week he'd just taken over as manager, Chris was really helpful and suggested we could get Jack Alexander involved as well. It's nice to have that connection with Eastleigh.

"If Eastleigh don't need Tony and Jack, they'll be with us."

Lee appeared in the Totton arrivals lounge just as last season's top scorer



DEBUT DELIGHT: Tony Lee.

Craig Feeney was heading for the departure gate to start a new life in Australia.

"I'd known for a couple of weeks that Craig was going and Tony was our number one target to replace him," said Hollick.

"It's the right decision for Craig. He's a young lad with no responsibilities. Good luck to him."

Ex-Sholing winger Nick Watts matched Lee for goals on Tuesday, striking three times in 10 second half minutes.

By then Bashley had had goalkeeper Rob Gillett red-carded for handling outside the area just before half-time.

At that stage it was finely balanced 2-2 with Lee twice erasing Bash leads carved out by a Will Lambert penalty

and Warren Squibb.

But it was one-way traffic in the second half once Taylor Edwards had put the Stags in front from Alexander's cross.

To cap a miserable night for Bash, they lost sub 'keeper Ed Jenner to injury, leaving new defensive signing Toby Cuss from Brockenhurst to don the gloves.



Charlie Austin.

## Star joins in battle

**FORMER** Sydenhams Wessex League hot-shot Charlie Austin has joined the battle to save one of his former clubs from being kicked out of their ground.

The QPR and England striker has urged West Berkshire Council to rethink its decision to oust Newbury FC from Faraday Road.

The ground has been home to a Newbury football club since 1963 – including AFC Newbury, who were once a force in the Wessex League.

The stadium holds fond memories for the likes of AFC Totton who won the Wessex League Cup final there in May 2003, beating a star-studded Eastleigh side who were just beginning their march up the leagues.

Austin, who grew up in Hungerford, played for the old AFC Newbury under-14s before turning out for Kintbury Rangers and his hometown club Hungerford Town.

His rise to fame began when he moved to Poole Town, scoring goals galore in the Wessex League. That caught the eye of Swindon Town and, from the Robins, he went on to play for Burnley before joining QPR.

West Berkshire Council want Newbury FC out of their ground by June next year so they can redevelop the London Road Industrial Estate and there are fears the club could fold.

Austin said: "I would advise the council to rethink the decision as football is important to a lot of people and there is no need to potentially make Newbury fold.

"It's just a shame it may all come to an end."

Football has been played in the Faraday Road area of the town for 128 years and Austin added: "With the history of the club and how long it has been going for, the thought it



# Non league FOOTBALL



## Dolphins boss believes restructure is long overdue

TOM Killick has called on the Football Association to carry out a further review of regionalisation in non-League football.

While the Poole Town boss, left, welcomes the local rivalry with Dorset neighbours Weymouth and Dorchester, he thinks the many long trips in the Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division are taking their toll on

clubs and supporters alike. "I feel it needs to be looked at in terms of further regionalisation," said Killick.

"One of the things that makes this league more bearable is us, Dorchester and Weymouth competing and all being near the top.

"At this level, I don't feel we should be going to places like King's Lynn and Corby.

"A new level was added a few years ago beneath the Conference (the Conference North and South) and maybe they should have another look at it now.

"With us, Gosport, Havant, Basingstoke, Dorchester and Weymouth in fairly close proximity, you feel there could be something done to make the travelling more manageable for

everyone.

"A lot of our away trips are 12-hour days. People might say we should live with it, but it seems to be a lot better in the National League South (formerly Conference South) which is mainly around the M25 and Kent.

"Sometimes the travelling is a chore and that's not what it should be about. It gets to the point where it takes the edge off."

## 'Rumour on budget is not true'

MANAGER Shane Traynor has shot down speculation that Hamworthy United's budget has been axed on the back of changes to the Sydenhams Premier Division club's top brass.

Chairman Mike Davis, who took the role in June, is looking to relinquish the helm due to work commitments, while vice-chairman Bruce Scammell stepped away from the committee altogether at the start of September.

Traynor met his players last week in a bid to reassure them it was business as usual in the wake of the off-field "restructure", a position he said had been reaffirmed by club officials.

Traynor explained: "It is nothing that affects the players or the management team.

"The club wanted to highlight that things might change a little in terms of other people being interested in coming in and saying that they are doing all they can to fill two or three spaces on the board.

"It is nothing drastic and there is no truth in the rumour that the budget has gone. It is exactly the same. Nothing has changed."

Traynor continued: "The players are all supportive of the club. They have their own opinions and have said they want to stick together.

"Bruce is quite a key figure at Hamworthy United. He has been there for so many years, so we didn't want the players thinking there was something wrong.

"When somebody like him steps down for family commitments, a lot of people seem to think the club won't continue, but they are doing everything they can."

On Davis, Traynor added: "In theory, if they could get a full-time chairman in place, then it would relieve Mike of his duties. Because of his work commitments, he is not a full-time chairman, like Bruce wasn't.

"Mike has said he cannot commit to the chairman's role, but he will stay on board one way or another and the title stays with him at the minute."

With Brad Hill and Greg Horlock injured and Jack Satterley suspended, it was a below-strength Hamworthy side that lost 2-0 to lower division US Portsmouth in the Sydenhams League Cup last Saturday.

The Navy outfit - named Sydenhams One Club of the Month for September - scored a goal in each half through Callum Coker and James Rolfe to book a trip to Team Solent in round two.

# Loyal skipper Sparkie stays true to Brockenhurst blue

Barker says no to transfer to table toppers Salisbury

**SKIPPER** Mark Barker is staying true to Brockenhurst blue.

For the second time in a matter of weeks, Barker - now in his eighth season as a Badger - has resisted overtures from Sydenhams Premier Division leaders Salisbury, writes Wendy Gee.

First time round it was Brock boss Pat McManus who, after speaking to the player, informed Salisbury's director of football Mick Jenkins that Barker was not interested in upping sticks to the RayMac.

This time the Wiltshire Whites wanted to hear it from the 25-year-old wideman himself - and they got the same answer.

McManus explained: "Salisbury came back in for Mark and, refreshingly, he doesn't want to go.

"I got a text from Mick Jenkins saying they'd sent someone to watch the Wealdstone (FA Cup) game and were impressed with him would be coming back in officially.

"I spoke to Mark and he underlined the fact that he didn't want to go, but Salisbury wanted to hear it from the horse's mouth.

"I think Steve Claridge (Salisbury boss) needed to satisfy his chairman that it was Mark's decision not to go rather than us just circling the wagons. I waived the seven days' notice of approach and sent them Mark's number, but he was adamant he didn't want to go."

Millbrook-based Barker, nicknamed Sparkie, was also subject of an enquiry from Southern One South & West play-off hopefuls Winchester City, but they too drew a blank.

McManus tweeted: "skipper @Sparkie997 has rebuffed approaches this week from @SalisburyFC and @wincityfc #stillabader"

Brock made hard work of progressing into the second round of the Sydenhams League Cup last Satur-



STAYING PUT: Brockenhurst skipper Mark Barker.

day, eventually triumphing 5-3 on penalties at Sydenhams One outfit Pewsey Vale.

The score was 2-2 after extra time, with Matt Casey and Kabba Jack on target for Brock, who now visit Premier Division rivals Alresford Town in round two.

One player who has left Brock is young centre-half Toby Cuss, who has moved to Southern One South & West basement boys Bashley in

search of more regular football.

"They're a higher league than us but Toby is more likely to be guaranteed a game," said McManus, who waived the notice of approach.

Cuss ended up in goal for Bash on Tuesday after Rob Gillett had been sent off and his replacement Ed Jenner was injured in a 7-2 Red Insure Cup defeat at AFC Totton.

Sydenhams League Cup, second round: Romsey Town v Hythe & Dib-

den, Amesbury v Christchurch, New Milton v Cowes Sports, Whitchurch v Newport IoW, Bemerton v Downton, Alresford v Brockenhurst, AFC Stoneham v Ringwood, Team Solent v US Portsmouth, Totton & Eling v Fawley AFC, Fareham v Alton, Portland v Horndean, Andover NS v Andover Town, Sholing v Laverstock & Ford, Verwood v Lymington Town, Moneyfields v Tadley Calleva, Salisbury v Fleet Spurs.



# Non league FOOTBALL



Connor Natella.

## Hiscock takes on Natella's position

JORDAN Hiscock is the new man in charge at New Milton Town following Connor Natella's departure. Natella, 22, became one of the Wessex League's youngest ever bosses when he stepped up to replace Callum Brooks in August.

But, after less than eight weeks in the job, he quit due to increased work commitments.

After consulting Brooks, now first-team coach at Poole Town, Linnets chairman John Breaker opted to appoint Hiscock, who joined New Milton's staff from Ringwood Town over the summer.

Explaining his reasons for leaving, Natella said: "It is down to a change in personal circumstances. My workload has increased massively."

"I run a youth programme across Hampshire and I've recently taken on a bigger role that has led me moving to Southampton and means I am unable to commit 100 per cent to the club. The players have put a lot in and deserve somebody who is able to put in the same effort."

"Obviously it's sad to leave because we had huge plans for the club over the next couple of seasons."

"We were very ambitious and, even though I'd only been in the role a few weeks, we were already

seeing green shoots of growth."

"If this had happened a year ago when I was living round the corner, things might have been a bit easier and it might have been different. However, the players are working very hard and I have no doubt they'll go on and get better results."

Hiscock, who took charge for last Saturday's 1-1 home draw with Andover New Street, was brought to Fawcett's Field by Brooks at the start of the season.

He inherits a side sitting third-to-bottom of Sydenhams One with just seven points from nine games.

"Jordan seemed to be the obvious choice for the role and was keen on doing it," said chairman Breaker.

"Although he's not done much at this level, he has managed and coached for about ten years now."

"There was no big emergency because Connor made it clear he would not leave us in the lurch, but Jordan has wanted the job for some time. He has managed at lower levels for a few years, so isn't totally new to it."

On Tuesday New Milton bowed out of the Russell Cotes Cup, beaten 3-0 at home by Otterbourne of the Hampshire Premier League.

Dan Strange, Tom Ashton and Tom Sands scored for the Otters.

# Vine signs up for Borough after training with Havant

## Former Pompey frontman joins strike-force

**GOSPORT** Borough have given well-travelled former Portsmouth striker Rowan Vine the chance to play for a Hampshire club again.

The 33-year-old, Basingstoke-born frontman has signed for Borough after a few weeks training with their National League South neighbours Havant & Waterlooville.

Vine made his debut last Saturday as Gosport fell to a slender 2-1 home defeat by league leaders Ebbsfleet United, who are managed by ex-Eastleigh skipper Daryl McMahon.

Having failed in his attempt to woo Warren Bentley away from Winchester City or prise ex-Saint Matt Paterson back from Havant, Borough boss Alex Pike has plumped for someone oozing higher league experience on both sides of the England-Scotland border.

Vine commanded an initial fee of £2.5m when he left Luton Town for Birmingham City in 2007 and has also played for the likes of QPR, St Johnstone and Hibernian.

He joined Welling United in January having parted company with Scottish League outfit Greenock Morton.

Inevitably there were signs of rustiness last Saturday with Vine having not seen much action in recent weeks.

There were also touches of quality and Pike is hoping Vine can strike up the kind of partnership with Borough top gun Justin Bennett that Paterson enjoyed last season before becoming a Hawk.

"Rowan's experience and positivity should prove a big asset," said the Borough boss. "He knows this is probably his last chance to



Rowan Vine during his St Johnstone days.

showcase his skills and basically just wants to play football."

Bennett cancelled out Matt Godden's Ebbsfleet opener last weekend, but Danny Kedwell – who had appeared to be offside in the build-up to the first goal – restored the visitors' advantage.

On a sorry afternoon for the county, Hampshire's two other National League South sides also lost 2-1 at home. Havant &

Waterlooville trailed to goals from Wealdstone's Bradley Hudson-Odoi and Jefferson Louis before the visitors had midfielder Elliott Godfrey red-carded for a foul on Brian Stock.

James Hayter halved the deficit for the Hawks but they could not force a late leveller against the 10 men.

It sent Lee Bradbury's Hawks nosediving to 19th, just two points

above the drop zone. Rock-bottom Basingstoke Town were left five points adrift of safety after falling victim of a revenge attack by Chelmsford City, who had lost to Jason Bristow's men in the FA Cup.

A double from debutant Matthew Whichelow sealed the points for City either side of Liam Enver-Marum's penalty reply.

## 'Groundhopper' says to thanks to clubs after heart scare

● **STUART** Pykett, a football "groundhopper" from Nottingham, has written to thank AFC Stoneham and Tadley Calvea for helping him in his hour of need.

Pykett collapsed during the Sydenhams One game at Stoneham last month and was rushed to hospital for immediate heart surgery.

In an email of thanks sent to AFC Stoneham secretary Geoff Smith, he wrote: "I would like to thank you for

keeping an eye on my car whilst I was detained in hospital after collapsing at your match v Tadley Calvea on September 26.

"I would also like to pass my sincere regards to all staff from both clubs who helped me in my hour of need."

● **THE** Sydenhams Wessex League are looking for a ground grading officer. To find out more about what the role entails, contact league

chairman Ian Hoare on 07780 496311 or league secretary John Gorman on 07780 496312.

● **SHOLING'S** under-18s have booked a home tie with Newport County in the FA Youth Cup first round.

Having dominated against Andover Town in the third qualifying round on Tuesday, but they failed to take their chances, the young Boatmen were forced into extra time.

Nick Yeomans was on hand to knock the ball in for a well-deserved 1-0 win.

● **SYDENHAMS** club secretaries Glynn Skinner of Cowes Sports and Kerry Tobin of Andover New Street have successfully completed the administration e-mail course. If any other club secretaries would like to follow in their footsteps, contact Ian Harley at harleyian@tiscali.co.uk.



## Non league FOOTBALL



### Coup for Romsey with signing of Polish goalkeeper

ROMSEY Town have pulled off a major transfer coup by signing Polish goalkeeper Amadeusz Skrzyniarz.

The 21-year-old (left) – known to his new team-mates as Aman – has joined from Limanovia Limanowa, who play in the Polish equivalent of League One.

Andy Samuels, manager of Sydenhams One outfit Romsey, said: "Aman has great ability. He can command his penalty area, he's quick off his line and has a real presence and assurance. We

will enjoy having a player of that stature here – he will strengthen us a lot."

Despite his tender age, Skrzyniarz has a wealth of experience in the Polish leagues. He has played for other professional clubs, including Zagłębie Lubin and MKS Kluczbork, and has also represented his country from under-15 through to under-21 level.

"He's here at Romsey having been recommended to us by a friend of the club," Samuels explained. "But we still had to

show Aman that we're a side and a club that has aspirations and that his signing would not only help us in the short-term but that we could also help him to further his career in the UK."

Romsey chairman Ken Jacobs added: "We're all very pleased to have him here. Claire (Crossland, club secretary) has worked very hard with his previous club, the FA, the Polish FA, Aman and even FIFA to get all the required paperwork sorted out."



Javi Santafe Vivo

### New look for City

WINCHESTER City had a multinational feel to their side against Banbury United last weekend.

With Taz Roberts out suspended, on-loan Eastbourne Borough Dutchman Bouwe Bosma was joined in the midfield department by newly-signed Spaniard Javi Santafe Vivo.

The 24-year-old spent 10 years in the Valencia youth ranks and has featured for CD Javea who play in Spain's fourth division, writes Wendy Gee.

In common with Winchester hotshot Warren Bentley, he is a physical education teacher. But while Bentley teaches older students at the Sholing College of Technology, Santafe works with primary school children.

Asked what brought him to England, he said: "The class in Spain is in English and I need to improve my English."

"I'm working in a restaurant, Ed's Diner in West Quay, but I only work part-time and I'm looking for another job."

"I will be in England maybe one or two years and it's possible in January I will go to an academy to learn English."

Santafe made his Southern League debut stationed wide right against Banbury and didn't feel he had his best game even though City romped away for a handsome 4-0 win.

But not only had he not played for some time, he is also getting to grips with the English style of play and will inevitably take time to acclimatise.

"I played for Javea in the Spanish fourth division and this is a similar standard," he said. "But I wasn't happy how I played today."

Manager Paul Masters, however, likes what he has seen of his latest signing in training and hopes there is more to come from the young Spaniard once he gets used to his new surroundings.

"I like the lad and I want to help him," he said. "It may be we've found ourselves diamond."

"The way they play in Spain is different. Over there they get a lot of time on the ball."

# Search for confidence sees White go on loan at Dolphins

### Gosport manager hopes striker can find some form

**GOSPORT Borough's former Winchester City and Salisbury goal ace Jamie White has joined Poole Town on an initial month's loan - and is already banging in the goals.**

The 25-year-old struck twice on Tuesday as the Dolphins surged to the Southern Premier summit with a 5-1 Dorset derby win at Dorchester.

Former Saints youngster White made his name with a prolific record of 37 goals in 73 matches for the old Salisbury City, helping the Whites to promotion to Non-League's top flight, writes Wendy Gee.

Prior to that, the Harefield hotshot had risen to prominence with Winchester City where he bagged 51 goals in 32 appearances in the Sydenhams Wessex League as he fought his way back from a cruel succession of injuries that had scuppered his professional career.

White briefly represented Bristol Rovers in the Conference Premier last season before being snapped up by Paul Doswell's Sutton United.

He joined Gosport over the summer, but has suffered more injury problems along the way and has yet to make an impact for the National League South club.

Poole boss Tom Killick explained: "Primarily, because of Richard Gillespie's injury problems, I have been looking to sign someone for a little while."

"Gosport feel Jamie needs to get some games following his injury, so it is a brilliant development for us. We have a lot of games coming up and he is proven at the level above so should help us a lot."

"I am sure Gosport will be looking to get him back but, hopefully, he can have the same sort of impact Justin Bennett did a couple of seasons ago."

Gosport boss Alex Pike hinted a couple of weeks ago that he was looking to get White out on loan in the



Jamie White.

hope that he will come back a more confident player, just as Borough's all-time record goalscorer Justin Bennett did a couple of seasons ago.

Pike said at the time: "It worked for Justin Bennett at Poole. We put him out for a month, he scored eight goals and came back to Gosport. The rest is history."

"There needs to be an improvement from Jamie, but I would never give up on a player."

"We signed him on the basis of his CV, but every player needs a bit of confidence."

Killick, meanwhile, admits he is

concerned over striker Gillespie's ongoing struggle with a back injury.

The former Eastleigh, AFC Totton and Bashley marksman has not played for the Dolphins since the end of September.

"It's a concern because there doesn't seem to be an awful lot of improvement," he said.

"Perhaps this week we're going to have to step things up and get to the bottom of what the problem is and take some steps to remedy it. Chiropractor and physio appointments don't seem to be resolving it at the moment."

● JAMIE White made his Poole Town debut in their convincing 3-0 home win over Cirencester last Saturday - but it was another striker, Toby Holmes, who stole the headlines.

After two-goal Steve Devlin had put the Dolphins in charge at Tatnam, it was young Holmes, on as a 63rd-minute substitute for White, who completed the scoring by coolly tapping in Corby Moore's cross with five minutes remaining.

"Toby has come from local football and has been brilliant in terms of the way he's applied himself," smiled Poole boss Tom Killick.



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ONE of the biggest upsets in the Southampton FA Sunday 'A' Cup came at First Division Bishops.

The hosts crashed to a 5-2 home defeat against Division Three high-fliers AFC Waterside.

An own goal accompanied Tom Minihan, Shane Lamb and Luke Fowler to put the visitors through, while Jamie Salvi and Paul Tanner replied.

A brace from Matt Camfield helped Bridge Manor on their way to a 6-0 victory over Otter Sunday in the 'B' Cup, with Gary Klepp, Shah Bani-Sadr and Matt Betts also scor-

ing.

Burrage AFC's dismal season continued in the same tournament, with Division Five high-fliers Portswood United Reserves running out comfortable 3-0 winners away from home.

Goals came from Jerome O'Brien (2) and Cameron Roach against the fourth division strugglers.

Their first team did not get on as well, losing at home 3-0 to Winsor Sports.

Sammy O'Reilly scored twice, while Marcus Buchan added another.

A superb 30 yard strike from Forest Home's Ashley Brooks could not prevent Lyndhurst running out 3-2 victors.

Despite a goal that was described as "superb" by manager Joe White, Tom Huggett, Ali Pugi and Adam Brett to put the home side through. Josh Bond also replied.

There was a six-goal thriller in Junior Division Three, where a double from Jack Newman played a key role in earning Whitehart United a 3-3 draw at home to Royale Marine.

Greg Parker also scored, but goals

from Ben Hook, Paul Lacey and Bertram Shelley saw the visitors claim a point.

There was also a double for Dursley's Ash Dallimore, who was the match winner in the 'A' Cup as his side were 2-0 winners against Motisfont.

St Minions' poor fifth division campaign showed some signs of recovery, with the bottom side winning 3-0 at fellow strugglers Abbotswood.

Goals from Jamie Stone, Pete Kerr and Carl Palmer were enough to give the Minions a convincing win.

# Sholing remain on top after title chasers share spoils

**KRL and Sholing United shared the spoils in their top-of-the-table City of Southampton Sunday League Premier Division clash.**

Stefan Williams gave the hosts the lead in the first-half, before an equaliser after the break saw Sholing remain three points clear of their rivals.

Rock bottom Bush Hill suffered a heavy defeat in the second round of the Southampton FA Junior 'A' Cup.

Titans ran out 6-2 winners, despite Alan Taylor's penalty and Mo Melo giving the home side a half-time lead.

A hat-trick from Sam Bessant put the game beyond the hosts, while Sam Martin, Aiden Reidy and Connor Bray also netted.

First division outfit AFC Portswood suffered a shock defeat in the same competition by the same scoreline, despite leading third division side Bitterne Ducks 2-0 at half-time.

Portswood made an excellent start, despite starting the game with only nine players, taking a 2-0 lead through Rob North and Eric Makate.

However, they were left three men short after another had to leave and the away side took advantage.

Chris Pye and Rich Mannion made the score level, before Zaine Rashid and James West put the third division side 4-2 up.

Luke Richards and Toby Withey gave the scoreline a glossier look.

Joint-bottom Junior Division Two side Abshot put their league struggles behind them, progressing after beating third division Portside 5-3 after extra time.

The away side had scored 20 and conceded 23 goals in their six league games so far, so the 2-2 full-time scoreline was hardly surprising.

Braces from Rich Brampton and Callum Wookey, along with a strike from Connor Ghosh, cancelled out Daniel Rannels' treble for the away side.

Another flurry of goals came at FC Woolston, who edged past Nursling on penalties after a pulsating 4-4 Junior 'B' Cup encounter.

Having scored in normal time, Ciaran Holt's penalty put the side bottom of division six into the third round against their opponents who currently occupy second.



Warren Bentley, right, celebrates scoring for Winchester City in last weekend's home win over Banbury. Turn to

Having trailed at half-time, goals from Shai Brown, Adam Chatwin and George Mathers, as well as Holt, meant the tie went to extra time.

Nursling replied through Callum Skipp (2), Kyle Skipp and Bradley Frampton.

Ithen Saints have already scored 39 goals in their seven Senior Division

games and their forwards continued their impressive form in the FA Senior Cup, putting another six past Bittern RBL.

Three from Lee Bore – taking his tally to ten in three games – and two from Aiden Johnson, together with a solo goal from Courtney Campbell, saw the Saints progress to the next

round. Grant Williams replied for Bitterne.

Hunters Inn's 7-0 Division Four triumph at Sholing Monks took their tally to 19 in their last five outings.

Jack Solloway netted a hat-trick while Ashley McGimpsey struck twice. Dan Hansford and Henry Rule completed the rout.

## Local pub in free kit giveaway

A SOUTHAMPTON pub is getting behind a nationwide 'Local Pubs for Local Clubs' campaign to give away new kit to local Sunday sports sides.

The Haywain on Southampton Road, Bartley, are asking people to nominate Sunday sports teams – be it football, rugby, cricket, running, hockey, darts etc – to win a new team kit plus an end-of-season celebration at their local pub.

The initiative is being organised by Green Card, a free, money-saving app for sports fans saving them 20 per cent on food and drink in local pubs during major televised matches.

### Nominate

To get involved sports fans need to download the free Green Card app via the iStore or Google Play and select the link to the Facebook page. They can nominate their local team any time up to the final whistle on January 31, 2016.

Jackie Gordon, general manager at The Haywain, said: "For years we've been showing live football matches at our pubs, but what about the games that really matter to our locals?"

"We want to give something back at grassroots level to the local clubs and people that make it all possible."

Find your nearest participating pub by checking out 'Find Your Local' on the app.

For more information visit

<https://apps.facebook.com/my-polls/>

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## Freeman hat-trick

JORDAN Freeman fired a hat-trick as City of Southampton Sunday League Senior Division side Yacht Tavern defeated Premier outfit AFC West End in the Southampton FA Sunday Cup. Jamie Pearson added the other for Tavern, while Tom Tuckey replied.

### March on

Testlands won at RS Nomansland, while goals from Jamie Petty (2), Ben Saunders and Joe McMenemy saw Marchwood march into the second round of the DR Ryder Trophy.

In Junior Division 6, Alex Fleat's sole strike was enough to give Banister Park victory at Chamberlayne Athletic Reserves.

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## Letting leads slip has not been a habit

IT is often said that a 2-0 lead is the most dangerous in football, as Saints had the misfortune of discovering last weekend.

The 2-2 stalemate with Leicester was thankfully a rare moment – it was the first time since March 2007 that Saints had thrown away a two-goal lead on their own patch and failed to win.

History shows that Ronald Koeman's men can take minor comfort from the fact it is unlikely to happen again in the near future, with just nine teams pegging them back from two-goal deficits or more in the last 30 years.

All of those have come in the last two decades, starting on February 11, 1995 when Norwich City hit back to draw 2-2.

Richard Hall's header gave the hosts the lead on 33 minutes, before Jim Magilton doubled the advantage for Alan Ball's men three minutes later.

John Newsome pulled a goal back soon after, before Ashley Ward's stoppage-time leveller grabbed a point.

That was the first of two home matches where Ball's men surrendered a two-goal advantage that season, with the other coming on the final day against, ironically, Leicester.

Defender Ken Monkou headed home before Neil Shipperley's through ball found Matt Le Tissier to slot past the City keeper.



Virgil van Dijk had just put Saints 2-0 up against Leicester

Garry Parker reduced the arrears for the Foxes almost instantly, and the stage was set for Mark Robins to equalise with two minutes to go.

Sheffield Wednesday came from 0-2 down to win 3-2 at The Dell in 1997.

David Hirst, later to sign for Saints, cancelled out Egil Ostenstad and Matt Le Tissier's strikes with two of his own in two early second-half minutes. Andy Booth's winner with 12 minutes left completed a dramatic turnaround.

Graeme Souness' side chucked away another two-goal lead two months later against Coventry City.

After Egil Ostenstad had added to Mickey Evans' opener just after the break, Peter Ndlovu gave the Sky Blues hope before Noel Whelan earned Gordan Strachan's side a valuable result ... they ended up staying in the Premier League by one point.

Struggling Derby County only won nine games in the entire 1999/2000 season, but came from 1-3 down to draw 3-3 at The Dell.

The Rams had taken the lead through future Saint Rory Delap, but Matt Oakley, who would lead the Midlands club to promotion seven years later, grabbed the initiative for the hosts after Marian Pahars had let fly from 30 yards.

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# A stroll down League

## SAINTS host Aston Villa next Wednesday for a place in the quarter finals of the League Cup.

Here, Danny Maiorca takes a stroll down memory lane to recall Saints' previous fourth round ties in the competition.

### December 5 1960: Saints 5 Leeds 4

One of the most amazing cup ties ever to take place at The Dell.

Derek Reeves scored all the goals as Saints stormed into a 4-0 lead. Following a 29-minute delay for a floodlight failure, Leeds hit back to level through Noel Peyton, John McCole, Jack Charlton and Bobby Cameron.

Reeves had the final say, though, hitting a 90th minute winner to complete his nap hand.

### October 16 1968: Saints 4 Norwich City 0

Goals from Frank Saul (2), Fred Kemp and ex-Canaries favourite Ron Davies sent Saints through to the quarter finals.

### November 21 1972: Saints 0 Norwich City 2

Goals came either side of half-time from Colin Suggett and Ian Mellor.

### November 13 1974: Saints 0 Colchester United 0

In treacherous conditions, Saints were held by third tier visitors Colchester.

### November 28 1974: Colchester 1 Saints 0 (replay)

The Essex minnows pulled off an upset thanks to a goal from Barry Dominey.

### November 8 1978: Reading 0 Saints 0

Lawrie McMenemy's men earned a replay with a goalless draw at their fourth division hosts.

### November 14 1978: Saints 2 Reading 0 (replay)

Two goals in five first-half minutes from Trevor Hebbard and Chris Nicholl ensured that history did not repeat itself.

The Saints went all the way to the final, but lost 3-2 to Nottingham Forest at Wembley.

### December 1 1982: Manchester United 2 Saints 0

Goals from Gordon McQueen and Norman Whiteside were enough to see the Red Devils advance.

### November 20 1984: Saints 1 QPR 1

Desperate not to need a replay on the visitors' notorious plastic pitch, the hosts went behind in the first half through a penalty from Terry Fenwick. Despite Alan Curtis equalising, Saints could not find a winner.

### November 27 1984: QPR 0



Saints defend well during their League Cup victory over Aston Villa at The Dell in November 1986.



Kevin Bond makes a challenge during Saints' victory over Aston Villa in the last 16 at The Dell in 1986.

### Saints 0 (replay)

A dominant Saints were forced into another replay at the same ground after failing to capitalise on their superiority.

Steve Moran's missed penalty with five minutes to go meant that they had to make do with a third

attempt at beating their top flight rivals.

### December 5 1984: QPR 4 Saints 0

After dominating the first replay, Saints slumped to goals from Terry Fenwick (2), Gary Waddock and

Warren Neill.

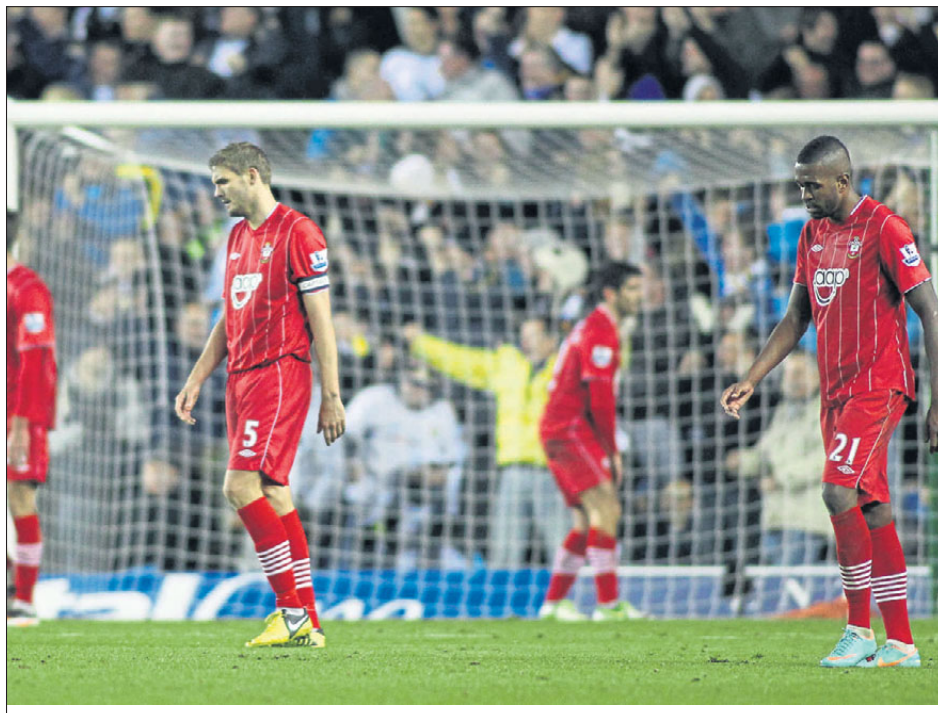
### 19th November 1985: Arsenal 0 Saints 0

### November 26 1985: Saints 1 Arsenal 3

Martin Hayes, Charlie Nicholas and Stewart Robson scored for the



# Le Cup memory lane



Skipper Jos Hooiveld and Guly, right, show the pain as Saints slump at Leeds in November 2012.



James Ward-Prowse makes his senior debut for Saints in a League Cup fourth round exit at Palace in 2011.

Gunners, with David Armstrong replying from the penalty spot.

**November 18 1986: Saints 2 Aston Villa 1**

In a season where the Saints reached the semi-finals, a volley from Jimmy Case coupled with Colin Clarke's 64th-minute effort

**November 29 1988: Saints 2 Tottenham 1**

Glenn Cockerill's 25-yard volley was the platform for a fourth-round victory.

Defender Kevin Moore's goal

proved to be the winner, and even an own goal could not stop the home side from going through.

**November 29 1989: Swindon 0 Saints 0**

**January 6 1990: Saints 4 Swindon 2 (replay) (AET)**

After leading 2-0 at the break, sec-

ond tier Swindon collapsed following two goals in extra time.

Barry Horne and Paul Rideout took the game a further 30 minutes, before Matt Le Tissier and Rod Wallace completed the recovery.

**November 27 1990: Saints Crystal Palace 0**

Second-half strikes from Matt Le Tissier and Alan Shearer ensured Saints progressed.

**December 4 1991: Nottingham Forest 0 Saints 0**

A drab goalless draw

**December 17 1991: Saints 0 Nottingham Forest 1 (replay)**

Home advantage counted for nothing, and Brian Clough's men went through thanks to a 17th-minute effort from Scott Gemmill.

**November 28 1995: Saints 1 Reading 2**

Having fallen behind shortly before the half-hour mark, Ken Monkou levelled – but Trevor Morley grabbed a shock winner.

**November 26 1996: Oxford 1 Saints 1**

Despite Richard Dryden giving Saints the lead at the break, ex-Saint Paul Moody's last-minute equaliser forced a replay.

**December 18 1996: Saints 3 Oxford 2 (replay)**

A thrilling replay saw Saints win, despite Matt Elliott and Bobby Ford consolations.

Eyal Berkovic, Richard Dryden and Egil Ostenstad fired Saints through to a quarter final tie with third division Stockport, which Saints lost.

**November 19 1997: Chelsea 2 Saints 1 (AET)**

Victims of the first season replays were abolished, Saints lost after extra time despite Kevin Davies giving the hosts the lead.

Norwegian striker Tore Andre Flo forced an additional 30 minutes, before Jody Morris broke their hearts with two minutes of extra time left.

**December 1 2000: Saints 0 Aston Villa 4**

Steve Watson put the visitors into a half-time lead, and more goals followed through Julian Joachim and Dion Dublin (2).

**November 27 2001: Bolton Wanderers 2 Saints 2 (6-5 on pens)**

After future Bolton legend Kevin Davies had cancelled out Dean Holdsworth's opener, Michael Ricketts and Tahar El Khalej struck to take the tie to penalties.

Ex-Saint Rod Wallace sent the home side through, after Chris Marsden's sudden-death effort was saved.

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## The games Saints have given away

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Stuart Ripley's half-volley looked to have won the game for Dave Jones' men, but Danes Jacob Laursen and then Mikkel Beck netted for the Rams. Ipswich Town suffered relegation in 2001/02 but they came from 0-2 down to claim a point at The Dell that season.

Despite taking the lead through James Beattie's header on 14 minutes and having Latvian Marian Pahars tighten their grip on the game in the first-half, the Tractor Boys were let back into the game courtesy of Alun Armstrong.

Chris Marsden again looked to have ended the face-up as a contest after the break, but Mark Venus and Armstrong's second saw George Burley's avoid defeat.

2005/06 saw Saints amazingly throw away a 3-0 half-time lead to lose 4-3 to Leeds.

Two goals from Nigel Quashie had added to an opener from Marian Pahars at the break.

Saints held that until the 71st minute, when Paul Butler headed what looked like a consolation.

Robbie Blake and a penalty from David Healy saw Leeds level, before Liam Miller side-footed home to stun most of the 30,173 crowd.



Jose Fonte celebrates putting Saints ahead last weekend.

Prior to last Saturday, the previous time Saints had squandered a 2-0 home lead was against Cardiff in March 2007.

Bradley Wright-Phillips and Chris Baird thrust George Burley's promotion seekers into a 2-0 interval lead, but Steven Thomson reduced the arrears just after the hour mark and Peter Whittingham levelled five minutes from time.

Saints, in contrast, have twice come from 0-2 down to win league games since moving to St Mary's.

Fulham led 2-0 in October 2002 through Lee Clark and Steed Malbranque in winds of up to 75 miles per hour.

They were about to be blown away by Gordon Strachan's men and, in particular, James Beattie.

His penalty rekindled the contest, before he headed past Edwin Van Der Sar just before the half-time whistle.

Beattie completed his triple eight minutes into the second period, before strike partner Brett Ormerod collected Chris Marsden's through-ball to score.

The second occasion was in April 2001 when Saints trailed 2-0 to MK Dons in a League 1 game.

Sub Jonathan Forte was the catalyst for a fightback when he struck twice in as many minutes. Lee Barnard's 77th-minute winner then effectively knocked the Dons out of the promotion



## Mixed nights for Saints in fourth round

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December 2 2003: Saints 2 Portsmouth 0

An encounter Saints fans will fondly remember resulted in James Beattie scoring a brace, including a late penalty.

November 11 2004: Watford 5 Saints 2

One of the most humiliating defeats of Saints' modern history, as Steve Wigley's Premier League strugglers are thrashed by Championship strugglers Watford.

The home side went 4-0 up through strikes from Bruce Dyer, two from James Chambers and an additional effort from Heidar Helguson.

Hameur Bouazza added a fifth immediately after Dexter Blaxstock had pulled one back, before Brett Ormerod netted with a minute left.

September 25 2011: Crystal Palace 2 Saints 0

Second half goals from Darren Ambrose and Jermaine Easter were enough for the Eagles on the night James Ward-Prowse made his Saints debut as a 16-year-old.

October 30 2012: Leeds United 3 Saints 0



Stoke City v Saints Capital One Cup, Wednesday 29th October

Premier League strugglers Saints endured a miserable evening at Elland Road as a first-half strike from Michael Tonge put the Championship side on their way to the last eight.

El-Hadji Diouf and Luciano Becchio's penalty in the final three minutes added further gloss to the score line on a dismal night for Nigel Adkins' men

15th November 2013: Sunderland 2 Saints 1

Sunderland knocked Mauricio Pochettino's side out of both domestic cups in 2013/14, and this win came via two Jordi Gomez penalties.

The Black Cats went all the way to the final, where they lost to Manchester City.

October 29 2014: Stoke City 2 Saints 3

An entertaining game saw Graziano Pelle and Shane Long fire Ronald Koeman's outfit into a 2-0 lead, before Steven N'zonzi and Mame Biram Diouf brought the home side level.

The game looked to be going to extra-time, but Pelle struck again on 89 minutes just a few seconds after ex-Saint Peter Crouch was sent off for the hosts.

# Opinions divided over

**JOSE Fonte admitted that Saints were tired out after the international break and that it was a big factor in letting a 2-0 lead against Leicester City slip away.**

Jamie Vardy netted twice in a dour second half for Ronald Koeman's men and Fonte, who scored his first goal in 20 months to give Saints the lead, pinpointed tiredness as the reason why Saints played so badly. Virgil van Dijk scored Saints' second goal.

A poll in the *Daily Echo*, the *Sports Pink*'s sister paper, revealed that the captain's sentiments divided opinion, with 55 per cent of supporter disagreeing with his comments.

"We had people on international duty, a lot of players have been away and they came back tired as you can see today," the 31-year-old explained.

"We were tired and because Leicester don't have many players like us, in the national team, I think it showed.

"We weren't fresh enough after 55 minutes.

"It's hard, but it is something we need to learn from."

Here, the *Sports Pink* has collated supporters' opinions on the topic.

Fans wrote on the *Daily Echo* website:

sfc4me: "He's right, but to their credit Leicester are still playing championship style football and we could not keep up, it's what they are good at.

"They will have a good season and so will we."

Positively4thStreet: "Understandable, but just goes to show how grateful we have to be for our early departure from the energy sapping, relegation creating, Europa League."

KiwiSaint74: "Apparently one of the reasons is because we were tired after the international break.

"Maybe having so many of our players play for their respective national teams has it's drawbacks after all if this is to be believed.

"But indeed we eased off the gas after half-time, maybe the substitutes played their part too.

"Moving on, the table is wide open right now.

"There is ample opportunity to glean something in the coming weeks, albeit we need to stand fast and perform to the best of our ability to hopefully start establishing ourselves within the top eight, and hopefully beyond that."

ere-we-go: "I bet they didn't feel tired walking off the pitch at half time two nil up!

"The game changer was the two substitutions at half time by Leicester who then came at us and we couldn't cope.

"From 70 minutes I reckon most fans kept looking at the clock every minute because we could see what was coming!

"Then, at 90 minutes with the ball



Mixed emotions - Leicester fans and players celebrate while Saints are stunned.



Jordy Clasie looks to close down a Leicester player.

in his hands, with things looking like we had held on for the win. Kelvin punts the ball down the middle of the pitch, with it barely getting off the ground straight to one of their players which resulted in the equaliser.

"Basic errors cost us, not fatigue."

lowe esteem: "You've got to agree with Jose, yes, and this 'tiredness' does create errors.

"Hopefully, it's not 'tiredness' that lasts through to the end of the season, so that we can go to the far King Power Stadium, record a win, and show those upstarts a

thing or two about endurance and longevity.

"Still, this was a draw that could easily have turned to defeat against one of the current front runners, and we're still sat in a pole position, no 'tiredness' to the end and we'll be right up there!

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# er tiredness claims



Jose Fonte about to re-enter the pitch against Leicester after going off to receive treatment.



Graziano Pelle on the ball against Leicester.

"You've got to feel for Jose and Virgil, whose goals should have been part of a glorious victory.

"Still, we attack as a team, defend as a team, win and lose as a team, as long as we do learn and move on together as one. Saints Forever."

OSPREYSAINT: "It seems that

every time we get in to the groove, we get disrupted, if it isn't critical injuries, or disingenuous press attacks, it is the international breaks that are fouling up our progress.

"There are always excuses for failure, but there are also reasons.

"We have somehow got to find ways of getting above the difficulties but it isn't easy and you never know what is going to hit us next."

Forest Saint: "Feeble excuse Fonte, you and the rest of the players ought to be ashamed of yourselves, you overpaid primadonnas!"

Costa Baz: "This sets a very dan-

gerous precedent, and I hope RK stamps on it.

"He was asked if Mane's long shot was due to tiredness, and wouldn't accept that, so I really hope he gets the players together and tells them not to hide behind tiredness as an excuse in future."

tonybr23: "It is not the first time this season that Saints have looked tired in the second half.

"They do not seem to play the same high tempo pressing game [as Leicester did, and Saints did two seasons ago] when they do not have possession, and I wonder if their stamina training is all it needs to be."

Clever Dick: "I guess it's just as well we got dumped out of Europe early then.

"Just imagine how tired our players would be if we had gone all the way to the finals.

"Sorry Jose it doesn't wash.

"The fact is we were two up and controlling the game and RK made two ineffectual substitutions which didn't help the situation at all."

martyn\_wilson99: "The fact that City's players could keep running until the final whistle had nothing to do with playing in internation-

als.

"City's sports science and fitness teams are among the best in the country, and City's players benefit from that.

"Time and again this season, we have outpaced the opposition and kept moving until the final minutes of the game.

Billy liar: "Poor excuse guys, both the Manc teams had no trouble, we were clueless against a pacy attack,

"Vardy isn't the most skilful but he's like a Jack Russell, snapping at you all the time, couldn't see Graziano Pelle, Dusan Tadic or Jay Rodriguez having as much enthusiasm as him put together.

"Victor should have gone off when he was injured and Oriol Romeu should have come on, we had no bite in midfield especially after Steven Davies went off, JWP just can't win tackles and boy do we need another right back.

Meanwhile, on the *Daily Echo's* Saints Facebook page, fans said:

Lynne Jefford: "You are professional footballers who should be as fit as a fiddle!"

Beverley Bell: "Mane is always jaded after internationals.

"Poor excuse, we just didn't play well and Leicester kept going which they seem to manage to do every match.

"Let's hope for better performance on Sunday"

Mark Crowley: "What a stupid comment bad subs and did not finish them of . You no what's next saints will go to Liverpool and win."

Gary Clark: "Definitely not, I don't agree Saints players using that excuse for being so poor in the second half! We were playing well in the first half!"

## Great South Run ready to get underway

THE Great South Run takes place again this weekend.

The record time is currently held by Kenyan Joseph Ebuya, who won the 2010 race in 45 minutes and 15 seconds.

### PREVIOUS WINNERS: MEN

1990 Marti ten Kate (NED)	47:52
1991 Thomas Naali (TAN)	47:11
1992 Boay Akonay (TAN)	47:04
1993 Gary Staines (GBR)	46:11
1994 Gary Staines (GBR)	47:00
1995 Benson Masya (KEN)	45:56
1996 Gary Staines (GBR)	46:57
1997 Christopher Kelong (KEN)	46:53
1998 Stephane Franke (GER)	47:40
1999 Simon Kasimili (KEN)	47:42
2000 Gert Thys (RSA)	48:26
2001 Khalid Skah (MAR)	46:17
2002 Simon Kasimili (KEN)	47:27
2003 John Yuda (TAN)	46:35
2004 Hendrick Ramaala (RSA)	47:14
2005 John Yuda (TAN)	46:45
2006 Simon Arusei (KEN)	47:17
2007 Luke Kibet (KEN)	47:31
2008 Bernard Kipyego (KEN)	46:42
2009 Mo Farah (GBR)	46:25
2010 Joseph Ebuya (KEN)	45:15
2011 Leonard Komon (KEN)	46:18
2012 Stephen Mokoka (RSA)	46:40
2013 Emmanuel Brett (KEN)	48:03
2014 James Rungaru (KEN)	46:31



Mo Farah

IRISH star Sonia O'Sullivan holds the Great South Run's record time for a woman.

She won the 2002 race in Hampshire in exactly 51 minutes.

### PREVIOUS WINNERS: WOMEN

1990 Alison Gooderham (GBR)	56:09
1991 Olga Bondarenko (URS)	53:16
1992 Iulia Negura (ROM)	53:19
1993 Iulia Negura (ROM)	53:01
1994 Gitte Karlshøj (DEN)	54:49
1995 Liz McColgan (GBR)	52:00
1996 Derartu Tulu (ETH)	52:39
1997 Liz McColgan (GBR)	52:00
1998 Marian Sutton (GBR)	54:17
1999 Esther Kiplagat (KEN)	54:42
2000 Restituta Joseph (TAN)	55:10
2001 Restituta Joseph (TAN)	52:36
2002 Sonia O'Sullivan (IRL)	51:00
2003 Sonia O'Sullivan (IRL)	53:26
2004 Benita Johnson (AUS)	52:32
2005 Derartu Tulu (ETH)	51:27
2006 Jo Pavey (GBR)	52:46
2007 Rose Cheruiyot (KEN)	53:44
2008 Paula Radcliffe (GBR)	51:11
2009 Ines Moneiro (POR)	52:32
2010 Grace Momenyi (KEN)	52:03
2011 Aselefech Mergia (ETH)	52:55
2012 Jo Pavey (GBR)	53:01
2013 Florence Kiplagat (KEN)	53:53
2014 Belaynesh Oljira (ETH)	52:40



# Southampton Saints girls and ladies football



Action from Southampton Saints' U17 cup win against Branksome.

## Comeback sees Saints draw

### FA Women's Premier League Reserves (South)

#### Lewes Reserves 2 Southampton Saints Reserves 2

Lewes and Southampton Ladies' Reserves drew an entertaining FA Women's Premier League Reserves (South) encounter.

Elle Pearce gave the Saints a first half advantage, volleying into the roof of the net from Emma King's delivery.

The advantage was doubled before the break, after Lucy Pearce seized the Lewes goalkeeper's poor clearance and looped her shot over their outstretched hand.

Molly Miller pulled one back for the hosts after poking home from close range, before a well-worked corner levelled the game.

King almost won the match for the visitors late on, but her effort went just wide of the goal and the two sides shared the spoils.

### Hampshire County Women's League Division One

Warsash Wasps continued their 100 per cent record in Division One with a 3-2 win over Mudeford Phoenix.

The Wasps were a goal down at the break, but Emma-Jane May's double and Lorna Lanham's strike turned the game around and condemned Mudeford to their second defeat in two games.

**Division Two:** Bournemouth Sports ran out 4-1 winners against Bursledon. Florence Stevens replied.

**Division Three:** AFC Bournemouth Reserves extended their unbeaten run to five games with a 4-1 triumph against Sholing thanks to goals from Rosie Eden (2), Bryony Carmichael and Sophie Harris.

Portsmouth recorded a 4-1 win against Petersfield to keep the pressure on the top two.

Winchester Women and an improving Fleet Town Reserves drew 1-1 at Eversly Park.

#### Southern Region North

Southampton have still only completed one league fixture after match officials were forced to abandon their



Action from Southampton Saints' U17 cup win against Branksome.



Action from Saints' cup win against Branksome.

game against New Forest Ladies, who went below the minimum number of players permitted.

Team Solent won 4-2 at Wycombe. Lauren Steers came off the bench

and scored a brace to secure the points.

#### Hampshire FA Cup

Hannah Chaffey scored a brace for Winchester Flyers at the Denplan to give her side a 3-1 victory over Poole Town.

#### Hampshire Girls U16 Cup

Southampton Saints' progressed to the last eight with an 11-1 rout of hosts Oaklands.

Alisha Buckingham netted a hat-trick in the opening 18 minutes, with a consolation in between.

Libby O'Dell added a fourth before Siena White and Katie Johns put Saints 6-1 up at the interval.

White added a second after the break, before skipper Ellie Russell and Libby Merry netted.

O'Dell and Russell both secured their doubles before the end.

Saints face Oakley at home in the last eight.

#### Girls U14 Cup

Southampton Saints U14's also recorded an 11-1 win in the cup against Branksome United Youth.

Kia Antoney put them ahead after just 15 seconds, before Grace Jenman made it two and Antoney completed her hat-trick with two more goals inside the opening 10 minutes.

Jenman added her second, before completing her hat-trick with 25 minutes of the first half still remaining.

Lily Shergill made it six, but the Saints lapsed to allow Branksome to pull one back.

They added a seventh through Cook before Antoney made it 8-1 and the same player helped herself to a fourth after Jenman had done likewise.

Holly Boyle joined the party to make the final score 11-1, and the holders now face Winchester Flyers.

Portsmouth beat Oakley, Fleet Town saw off New Milton Eagles and Alton beat Warsash Wasps 8-0.

## Saints still in top spot after win

### U13 (9-a-side)

SOUTHAMPTON Saints U12s recorded an excellent 2-0 victory at Winchester Flyers to remain top of the U13 nine-a-side league.

Southampton, without three key players, endured another setback after 20 minutes when another suffered an injury.

Mell's second-half shot slipped through the hands of the Flyers goalkeeper to give her side an unlikely lead, before Ballard's powerful shot sealed three more points for the depleted Saints.

The only other league game of the day saw Widbrook Reds put five past against a strong Worthies side.

Victoria Hills made a further stake for the golden boot in this division with a brace taking her seasons tally to an impressive 19 goals from just five games.

Worthies scored twice with a goal apiece from Phoebe Andrew-Porter and Jess Marshall.

### U11 (7-a-side)

ST FRANCIS lost out 5-2 to Southampton Saints, despite a spirited performance.

Southampton took the lead in the sixth minute, before doubling their advantage 10 minutes later.

St. Francis got themselves back in the game halfway through the opening 45 minutes, but found themselves two goals down just before the interval.

St. Francis pulled another back to make it 4-2, before their opponents grabbed a fifth and recorded a third straight league victory.

Winchester continued their 100 per cent start to the season with a resounding 11-0 win against Romsey.

League top scorer Megan Hart grabbed a hat-trick, as did Victoria Ormston. Erin Mills got herself one, while Francis and Barstow added a brace each.

Widbrook United came out on top 3-1 against Worthies, with the home side boasting three different scorers.

Celik, Hill and Smith claimed one each for the hosts, while Daisy McLeod grabbed a consolation goal.

### U10 (7-a-side)

WINCHESTER Flyers made it four wins from four with an impressive three-goal victory over the newly-formed Southampton Saints.

Widbrook moved into second after beating Petersfield 1-0, with Hannah Walker's goal proving the difference at Bidbury Mead.

Lucy Scott netted five times in Portsmouth's weekend victory, which saw them up to third.

She moves to the top of the goals scored column.



# Hampshire Colleges football



**Hampshire Schools Under-16s:** Back (from left): Conner Agar (manager), George Ockwell, Scott Caws, Luke Edwards, Myles Bowman, Alex Bowman, Adam Liddle, Jack Grover, Tom Best (assistant manager). Front: Theo Wolfarth, Jack Adams, Morgan Callaway, Jack Barnes, Aaron Fitzpatrick, Alex Haynes, Miles Gibson.

Hampshire Schools warmed up for their forthcoming ESFA County Under-16 Trophy visit to Cambridgeshire

with a 3-1 win at Winchester College. Two goal Adam Liddle, who helped Aldershot & Farnborough win the

ESFA Under-15 Trophy last season, caught the eye for Hampshire, whose other goal came from Southampton's

## Holdings dumped out of cup after tie turns ugly

### BROCKENHURST'S reign as British Colleges AoC Cup holders is over.

A 3-0 first round defeat by Itchen means there will be no repeat of last season's heady success when Brock and Itchen Girls were crowned nationals colleges champions on the same Walsall afternoon, *writes Mike Vimpany.*

Brock have lost two-thirds of the side that steamrollered St Mary's, from Hull, 7-1 in last season's final.

They are still a decent side but, in Itchen, they arguably encountered superior opposition than any they faced during that triumphant cup run.

The AoC Cup tie between two of the Hampshire Sixth Form College League heavyweights won't linger in the memory for too long.

Brock twice squandered good chances to take the lead before half-time and paid the penalty as Sam Steel headed Itchen in front.

As the game wore on, however, poor player behaviour, some unsavoury tackling, coupled with foul and abusive language, made it an increasingly unedifying spectacle, one the referee was unable to manage.

Ideally, the tie needed a Level five or six referee. It didn't have one.

Second half goals by Jack Burrows and Harry Harris settled it in Itchen's favour, but before the final whistle two players – one from each side – saw red.

It ought to have been more... ● Peter Symonds bounced back from their solitary Barton Peveril defeat to win 3-0 at Brockenhurst and dent their rivals Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges leadership prospects.



Emotions run high at Brockenhurst's game with Itchen.

A Harrison Fay double, coupled with a third goal by Harry Bayles, won it for PSC, for whom goalkeeper Dan Mukherjee had another fine match between the posts.

Brockenhurst had a player dismissed in the second half.

Barton Peveril were comfortable 5-1 winners at QMC – two more players saw red in that match – with Ben Burton and Lewis Wild each scoring twice and Sam Morris scoring a fifth.

Farnborough, who are picking up after a lean start, swamped South Downs 8-2 with Tom Billingham (3), Sam Pedersen (2), Ryan McCartney (2), and Jake Walters on target.

Itchen's scheduled visit to Andover was washed out.

● Itchen's Sam Woodward hit a hat-trick to help Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges beat Hertfordshire 5-0 in their opening ESFA County Trophy group match at Letchworth.

The former Wildern School hit-man, who is hoping to win a place on Portsmouth's academy programme, led the way in an impressive Hampshire performance.

Portsmouth's Zac Sharp and Lindon Miller (Sparsholt) got the other two goals, while Itchen livewire Jake Willis-Dellimore engineered three of the strikes.

## Football fixtures

### Monday, October 26

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Team Solent v Winchester City.  
John Stimpson Memorial Shield, league phase: Petersfield Town v US Portsmouth.

### Tuesday, October 27

League Cup 4th rd: Everton v Norwich, Hull v Leicester, Sheffield Wednesday v Arsenal, Stoke v Chelsea.  
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Bideford v Cirencester, Chesham v Poole, Chippenham v Slough, Dorchester v Paulton Rovers, Histon v Bedworth, Kings Lynn v Biggleswade, Leamington v Redditch, Merthyr Town v Hungerford.  
Division One South & West: Banbury v Didcot, Bishops Cleeve v Taunton, Mangotsfield v Evesham, Marlow v Bashley, Shortwood v Yate, Swindon Supermarine v Cinderford, Tiverton v Slough.  
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Blackfield & Langley v Cowes Sports, Bournemouth Poppies v Andover Town, Hamworthy Utd v Lymington Town.  
PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP  
Second round: Gosport Borough v AFC Portchester, Moneyfields v Horndean Hawks, US Portsmouth v Baffins Milton Rovers Res.  
ALDERSHOT SENIOR CUP  
Badshot Lea v Fleet Spurs.

### Wednesday, October 28

League Cup 4th rd: Liverpool v Bournemouth, Saints v Aston Villa, Manchester City v Crystal Palace, Manchester United v Middlesbrough.  
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Frome v Weymouth.  
Division One South & West: Larkhall v Bridgwater, North Leigh v Winchester City.  
RUSSELL COTES CUP  
First round: Sholing v AFC Totton.  
SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP  
Brockenhurst v Park Sports.  
PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP  
Second round: Liss Athletic Res v Horndean.  
NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP  
Whitchurch v Andover New Street.  
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE  
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v US Portsmouth, Moneyfields v Dorchester Town.  
Division One: AFC Stoneham v Hythe & Dibden, Lymington Town v Downton.

### Thursday, October 29

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE  
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Wimborne Town.

### Friday, October 30

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Grimsby v Cheltenham (BT Sport)  
FA TROPHY  
First qualifying round: Winchester City v Weymouth.  
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE  
Division One: Laverstock & Ford v Alton Town.

### Saturday, October 31

PREMIER LEAGUE: Chelsea v Liverpool (12:45), Crystal Palace v Manchester United, Manchester City v Norwich City, Newcastle United v Stoke City, Swansea City v Arsenal, Watford v West Ham United, West Bromwich Albion v Leicester City.  
CHAMPIONSHIP: Birmingham City v Wolverhampton Wanderers (12:30), Bristol City v Fulham, Burnley v Huddersfield Town, Derby County v Rotherham United, Ipswich Town v Cardiff City, Middlesbrough v Charlton Athletic, Milton Keynes Dons v Hull City, Preston North End v Bolton Wanderers (18:00), Reading v Brighton and Hove Albion, Sheffield Wednesday v Nottingham Forest.  
LEAGUE ONE: Bury v Blackpool, Coventry City v Peterborough United, Crewe Alexandra v Sheffield United, Doncaster Rovers v Colchester United, Fleetwood Town v Chesterfield, Millwall v Bradford City, Oldham Athletic v Burton Albion, Port Vale v Shrewsbury Town, Scunthorpe United v Barnsley, Southend United v Rochdale, Walsall v Gillingham, Wigan Athletic v Swindon Town.  
LEAGUE TWO: AFC Wimbledon v Hartlepool United (14:00), Barnet v Exeter City, Carlisle United v Yeovil Town, Crawley Town v York City, Leyton Orient v Accrington Stanley, Mansfield Town v Wycombe Wanderers, Newport County v Northampton Town, Notts County v Portsmouth, Plymouth Argyle v Morecambe, Stevenage v Oxford United.  
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Altrincham v Torquay, Boreham Wood v Gateshead, Braintree v Macclesfield, Eastleigh v FC Halifax Town, Forest Green Rovers v Chester, Guiseley v Welling, Kidderminster v Woking, Lincoln v Bromley, Southport v Aldershot, Tranmere v Dover, Wrexham v Barrow.  
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Bath City v Chelmsford, Concord Rangers v Maidstone, Dartford v Hayes & Yeading, Eastbourne Borough v Sutton, Ebbsfleet v Wealdstone, Gosport Borough v Hemel Hempstead, Havant & Waterlooville v St Albans, Maidenhead v Basingstoke, Oxford City v Bishops Cleeve, Truro City v Margate, Whitehawk v Weston-super-Mare.  
FA TROPHY  
First qualifying round: Bideford v Farnborough, Dorchester v Chippenham, Mangotsfield Utd v Bashley, Merthyr Town v Poole Town.  
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
Division One South & West: Burnham v AFC Totton, Slough v Bridgwater, Wimborne v Wantage.  
FA VASE  
First round proper: Lymington Town v Wells City (12:00), AFC Portchester v Abbey Rangers, Andover Town v Newhaven, Calne Town v Salisbury, Haywards Heath Town v Alton Town, Horndean v Barnstaple Town, Littlehampton Town v Tadley Calvea, Moneyfields v Corsham Town, New Milton v Buckland Athletic, Plymouth Parkway v Blackfield & Langley, Portishead Town v Newport IOW, Sholing v Laverstock & Ford, Team Solent v Cadbury Heath, Whitchurch Utd v Welton Rovers.  
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Brockenhurst v Fawley AFC, Cowes Sports v Fareham.  
Division One: AFC Stoneham v US Portsmouth, Amesbury v Downton, Andover New Street v Fleet Spurs, Christchurch v East Cowes Vics, Portland Utd v Hythe & Dibden, Ringwood v Pewsey Vale, Romsey Town v Totton & Eling.  
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE  
Senior Division (2.00 kick-offs): Baffins Milton Rovers v Infinity, Clanfield v Liss Athletic, Golden Common v QK Southampton, Hamble Club v Bush Hill, Headley Utd v Locks Heath, Hedge End Rangers v Overton Utd, Liphook Utd v Winchester Castle, Otterbourne v Fleetlands.  
Division One: Broughton v Burridge, Four Marks v Andover Lions, Hayling Utd v AFC Petersfield, Lyndhurst v Upham, Netley Central Sports v Michelmersh & Timsbury.  
PEHLP Combination Cup  
Group A: Fleetlands v Hayling Utd, QK Southampton v Hedge End Rangers.  
Group B: Bush Hill v Baffins Milton Rovers, Overton v Headley Utd.  
Group C: AFC Petersfield v Clanfield, Infinity v Otterbourne.  
Group D: Liss Athletic v Liphook (3.00), Winchester Castle v Hamble Club.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Sholing v Petersfield Town.  
Division One: Alresford v Bashley, Fawley AFC v Lymington Town, Totton & Eling v Romsey Town, Verwood Town v Tadley Calvea.



## Boxer reveals all in his book after injury

### BOOK REVIEW

#### Wiped Out?

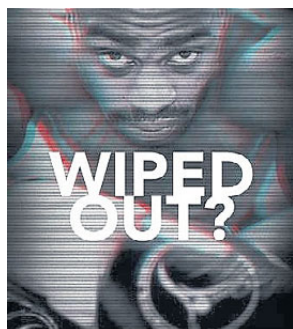
The Jerome Wilson Story  
By Mark Turley and Jerome Wilson  
Sportsbookofthemoonth.com price: £12.99

ONLY the dedicated fight fan would have heard of Jerome Wilson, an up-and-coming light-welterweight prospect, before he climbed in to the ring to face Serge Ambomo in what would prove to be his eleventh – and final – professional contest on 12 September 2014.

Wilson had been a professional fighter for four years, a period when he seems to have worried as much about selling tickets to his bouts as opponents, but a little over twelve months ago, his second duel against the powerful Ambomo came to a premature end when he was knocked out in the sixth round.

Such was the severity of the punishment inflicted on Wilson that when he eventually went down, it was Ambomo's trainer, Glyn Rhodes, who leapt through the ropes and put him in the recovery position, fearing he had witnessed another boxing-related death.

Fortunately, Wilson recovered slowly, not quite fully, and with a quarter of his skull missing, told his harrowing tale to



Mark Turley.

He had suffered a subdural haematoma, a significant bleed on the brain that often proves fatal for active participants in a sport the author calls 'showbusiness with blood'.

At times, *Wiped Out?* is a troubling read for it makes you think deeply about boxing and its primary aim, ie to knock your opponent senseless, yet there's no whingeing or calls to ban the sport from Wilson who was aware of the risks before he took up Ambomo's challenge. Nevertheless, Turley conveys the pre-fight concerns and post-fight reactions of Wilson's friends and family: touching, heartfelt comments that no doubt permeate the minds of those in similar positions before their sons / brothers / husbands / friends step into the ring.

*Wiped Out?* traces Wilson's gradual recovery – he wins more than £100,000 playing online poker, only to lose every penny, for example, and, almost understandably, contemplates suicide: "I would be free. They [his family] would all benefit financially". The birth of a son has banished such thoughts. Yet Wilson must live with the mental anguish as he waits to have a titanium plate fitted into his skull.

Meanwhile, the author and publishers (Pitch Publishing) have agreed to donate all profits from the book's sale to Jerome Wilson; it's to be hoped thousands of others do too.

# Club give benefit ye

## HAMPSHIRE have awarded all-rounder Sean Ervine with a Benefit Year in 2016.

Ervine is one of the most decorated players in the county's history, having won three Lord's finals (2005, 2009, 2012), two T20 titles (2010, 2012) and last year's division two Championship since arriving from Zimbabwe a decade ago.

The 32-year old has scored almost 13,000 runs and taken more than 350 wickets.

He said: "It's a huge honour to be awarded a benefit by Hampshire in 2016. Arriving back in March 2005 with not much knowledge of county cricket, it never crossed my mind I'd ever get to have one.

### Major influence

"I may not have come up through the age group ranks but I've made some great friendships along the way and having been here since I was 22 – I've thoroughly enjoyed every moment I've experienced both on and off the field."

Hampshire chairman Rod Bransgrove said: "Sean has been an outstanding contributor over the past 11 seasons and has established himself as a first team regular in all forms of cricket.

"He has been a major influence in our successful one-day and T20 campaigns leading from the front in his first year with Hampshire in the C & G Final against Warwickshire, where his fine century helped secure both a victory and the man-of-the-match award.

"He has also been a regular contributor with both bat and ball in the long form of the game and is a huge favourite amongst our members and supporters.

"I am delighted that the Hampshire Cricket Members' Club have nominated him for a Benefit Year in 2016 and equally happy that the club has granted this."

### Winning culture

Ervine continued: "When you play for a club like Hampshire you feel part of a family away from your family, it's a winning culture and we've been lucky enough to enjoy a lot of successful periods where we've won trophies.

"This club has always had huge potential, and I'm proud to have been part of the successes of the last 11 seasons, long may it continue."

Ervine's commitment and dedication towards the club's official charity, Hampshire Cricket in the Community, earned him the 2015 Capital FM Clubman of the Year Award.

Here, the *Sports Pink* celebrates the highlights of Ervine's career.

*v India, ODI, Adelaide, January 2004*

Ervine's maiden one-day century



Sean Ervine celebrates his only ever double century for Hampshire against Somerset.



Sean Ervine in T20 Blast action against Middlesex in 2013.

almost gave Zimbabwe a remarkable win against India.

Asked to chase India's 280-7 total, his side plunged to 46-3 before Ervine and Stuart Carlisle added 202 for the fourth wicket.

Ervine was eventually run out for exactly 100, made off exactly 100

deliveries.

Carlisle fell soon after for 109 and Zimbabwe ended three runs short.

*v Glamorgan, C & G Trophy, Cardiff, May 2005*

Ervine bags five wickets for Hampshire for the first time, tak-

ing 5-50 in a C & G Trophy win in Wales. Nic Pothas hits 114 as Hampshire win by six wickets.

*v Glamorgan, Championship, Ageas Bowl, May 2005*

A few days later and Ervine bags 5-60 in Hampshire's Championship

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# ar to stalwart Sean



Sean Ervine leads Hampshire off the pitch after scoring a century in the 2005 C & G Trophy semi-final.



Sean Ervine celebrates his century against Yorkshire in the C & G Trophy semi final in 2005.

win – a game in which Kevin Pietersen scored his first century for the county.

#### *v Yorkshire, C & G Trophy semi-final, Ageas Bowl, August 2005*

Ervine compiled his maiden List A ton for Hampshire as they chased down Yorkshire's 197-9 total

to reach Lord's.

Coming in at 32-1, Ervine struck 12 fours and a six in his 99-ball 100 as Hampshire cantered to an eight-wicket success.

#### *v Warwickshire, C & G Trophy final, Lord's, September 2005*

Ervine collected a second succes-

sive man-of-the-match award as Hampshire ended their 13-year trophy drought.

Batting first this time, Ervine again came in at number three and again scored a hundred – this time 104 off 93 deliveries with 12 fours.

That helped Hampshire total 290 all out, and despite Nick Knight's

118, Warwickshire fell 18 runs short.

#### *v Glamorgan, Pro40 play-off, Ageas Bowl, September 2006*

Chris Benham set up Hampshire's win in this promotion play-off tie, hitting 158 in a total of 265-9.

Ervine then bagged 4-24 as the Welsh county slithered to 114 all out.

#### *v Essex, T20, Ageas Bowl, July 2007*

Essex managed 99-8 in their 15 overs, before Ervine came in to smash 50 off 30 balls with five fours and two sixes as the hosts won by seven wickets.

#### *v Lancashire, Championship, Old Trafford, August 2007*

In his third season with Hampshire, Ervine eventually made his maiden Championship hundred for the county.

His only two previous centuries had come in the C & G Trophy semi-final and final two years earlier. Coming in at number seven, Ervine hit 103 – passing his previous best Championship score of 75.

#### *v Sussex 2nds, 2nd XI Championship, Hove, April 2008*

Ervine lashed 188 – his highest score for Hampshire, albeit in a 2nd XI match – as the visitors piled up 448-7 declared, Chris Benham also hitting a ton.

#### *v Sussex, T20, Hove, June 2008*

West Indian Dwayne Smith blasted 72 off just 27 balls, with six sixes and four fours, but Ervine still won the man of the match award.

Asked to chase the home side's 204-6 total, Ervine came in at number five and smote an undefeated 38 off 20 balls with four fours and two sixes as Hampshire won by five wickets off the last delivery.

#### *v Middlesex, Pro40, Lord's, August 2008*

Ervine collected his first century at headquarters as Hampshire recovered from 61-4 to win.

Ervine struck 103 off just 76 balls, with four sixes and eight fours, to help his county total 228-6. Middlesex were all out for 202.

#### *v Durham, Championship, Basingstoke, August 2008*

Ervine produced one of his very best innings for Hampshire to help them beat Durham at May's Bounty.

Bowled out for 96 in their first innings – Ervine out for a duck – he held together the innings as Hampshire were asked to chase 240 for victory.

At 77-5, Hampshire were in deep trouble.

But Ervine found great support from Liam Dawson and Dimi Mascarenhas and was still there at the end unbeaten on 94 as Hampshire won by two wickets.

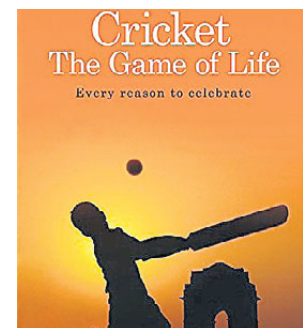
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## Cricket book worth every single penny

### BOOK REVIEW

**Cricket: The Game of Life Every Reason to Celebrate**  
By Scyld Berry  
Sportsbookofthemoonth.com price: £18.00, saving £7.00 on rrp.  
READING former Wisden editor Scyld Berry on cricket is akin to watching a particularly dextrous potter at his wheel, skilfully moulding and caressing his raw materials, in Berry's case, the English language, to produce something of lasting beauty. Mr Berry has been writing about the game he loves for more than four decades, but I doubt he's written anything better than *Cricket: The Game of Life*, an imaginative, engrossing study of how cricket developed and why millions of people enjoy playing and watching it. Berry's analysis is both original and compelling. For instance, he identifies the early support of individuals such as the Duke of Wellington, or the sporting bonds formed between the British and Parsis in India as crucial to cricket's development. Cricket, he maintains, has flourished first in hotspots and gradually woven its magic in nations across the world.

Cricket's first hotspot was Lascelles Hall in Yorkshire, where, in the mid-19th century, England's finest team were situated. Mr Berry reasons that



this unassuming, hilltop village was home to an all-conquering side because most of its inhabitants were hand weavers. The location, coupled with its industry, accounted for unusual levels of hand-eye co-ordination, agility and, as a result of tackling a rather steep hill every day, the team's outstanding fitness.

The author also submits a novel theory which, he believes, explains how and why English Test cricketers develop.

"Very few of the 584 Test cricketers born in England and Wales have reached the top without the help of at least one of these four stepladders," he says: "1, A fee-paying school; 2, A close relative who has played either Test or first-class cricket, or will do so; 3, Professional football, with the benefits entailed; 4, Being born in Yorkshire or Lancashire where even small communities have a cricket ground. The majority of the male population of England and Wales does not fit into any of these categories. The waste has been enormous."

There are similarly inventive musings on cricket's language, its camaraderie, statistics, its spirit and psychology before he concludes: "This game can bring together so many sections of society to play and watch... this sport can support us all."

"Cricket is the game of life."  
Buy it.



## F1 hero gives his on and off track record

### BOOK REVIEW

**Nigel Mansell – Staying On Track – The Autobiography**  
Sports Book of the Month price: Hard cover £9.50 (saving over 50 per cent on rrp)

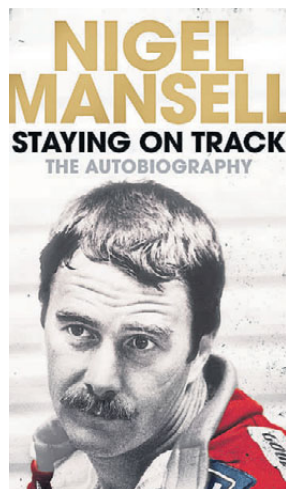
NIGEL Mansell may have retired from motor racing 20 years ago but he is still known as “The People’s Champion” in the eyes of so many ardent Grand Prix followers.

Hundreds of fans flocked to Waterstones bookshops this month to grab a selfie, receive a hug or even a kiss from the racer affectionately known as “Our Nige” or “Red 5” in those exciting, accident-prone days in the late 80s and early 90s.

Mansell, now 62, recounts those helter-skelter Formula One and IndyCar race days in his autobiography *Staying on Track* but he also talks movingly about the other side of his action-packed life away from the cars and limelight: family illness, his police duties and charity work.

Did you know that Mansell raced with a broken foot when he finally claimed that elusive Formula One world title in 1992 after so many near-misses?

This compelling and frank memoir



also highlights the inside story of Mansell the man, revealing for the first time that he has suffered “anxiety attacks” throughout his career.

He talks candidly about the psychological impact on his own super-confident aura when Rosanne, his beloved wife of 40 years, discovered she had cancer after undergoing major surgery and had to fight serious ill health for years.

Mansell, opens up like never before, and confesses: “Rosanne’s ill health and the very lengthy recovery absolutely rocked my self-belief to the core.”

“This impacted on me hugely and I don’t mind admitting that for a long time I was in the wilderness.”

“I lived several years just numb from dusk to dawn. All of a sudden, my whole life came to an emergency stop.”

Mansell still loves Grand Prix racing with a passion and says: “People often chat to me and ask me what was my biggest success: still being alive and surviving the journey.”

# Ervine's style and po

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*v Sussex, Championship, Ageas Bowl, April 2009*

Ervine struck a new Championship best for Hampshire, 109, in an early-season drawn south coast encounter.

*v Ireland, Friends Provident Trophy, Ageas Bowl, May 2009*

Ervine was voted man of the match after plundering his highest ever List A score, an unbeaten 167.

Coming in early at number three after Michael Lumb had fallen for two, the all-rounder blazed 20 fours and four sixes in his record breaking innings.

He put on an unbroken 260 for the third wicket with Michael Carberry, who finished on 127 not out, as Hampshire rattled up 316-2.

Ireland were restricted to 239-9 in reply.

### Superb example

*v Middlesex, T20, Uxbridge, June 2009*

Ervine gave a superb example of his all-round skills as Hampshire defeat a Middlesex side captained by his former county colleague Shaun Udal.

First off, Ervine belted four sixes and four fours in a 26-ball 53 as the visitors piled up 181-6.

Then he grabbed a career best 4-16 with the ball, cleaning up the Middlesex tail, with his victims including current Ageas Bowl team-mate Gareth Berg.

*v Essex, T20, Chelmsford, June 2009*

A few weeks later, Ervine produced another storming all-round display.

He took two catches and bagged 3-26 as the hosts were restricted to 149-6.

Then he walked to the crease and smashed three sixes and two fours in an unbeaten 39 off 22 balls as Hampshire won by six wickets with five deliveries left.

### New career best again

*v Lancashire, Championship, Ageas Bowl, August 2009*

For the second time that summer, Ervine posted a new career best Championship score for Hampshire, this time hitting 114.

*v Nottinghamshire, Championship, Trent Bridge, August 2009*

Ervine, coming in at number seven, hit 104 as Hampshire posted a huge 654 total with Michael Lumb cracking 219 at the other end against the county he was later to join.



Sean Ervine hits out against Essex in a Pro 40 encounter.



Sean Ervine all smiles at a pre season photocall with, from left, Jimmy Adams, Simon Katich and James Tomlinson.

The 2009 campaign remains the only season where Ervine has scored three first class tons for Hampshire.

*v Warwickshire, CB 40, Edgbaston, May 2010*

Jimmy Adams and Michael Carberry set Hampshire on their way to victory by both scoring tons in a 341-6 total. Then Ervine weighed in with 4-39 as Warwickshire were restricted to 211 all out.

*v Somerset, Championship,*

*Ageas Bowl, May 2010*

Ervine hammered a magnificent career best 237 not out, not bad considering he came in at number seven.

He struck 29 boundaries and five sixes.

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# ower well received



Sean Ervine, second right, helps show off the Friends Provident Trophy Hampshire won in 2009 at Remedy Oaks Golf Course in Dorset.



Sean Ervine celebrates taking a wicket against Kent in a CB40 game at The Ageas Bowl.

It was his second first class double ton of the year, after another extraordinary performance in February 2010 in Zimbabwe.

Playing for Southern Rocks against Mid-Western Rhinos, Ervine hammered 204 in the first innings, rescuing his side from 13-4, and followed that up with 160 in the

second innings.

Ervine's 237 against Somerset helps towards a final first class tally of 976 runs that summer, the highest number of Ervine's Hampshire career.

*v Gloucestershire, T20, Bristol, June 2010*

Ervine produced new career best T20 bowling stats as his 4-12 burst helped rout the hosts for just 68.

Hampshire won by seven wickets in less than eight overs, Ervine hitting an unbeaten 15 off seven balls including three boundaries.

*v Leicestershire, CB40, Ageas Bowl, July 2011*

Ervine cracked 136 off just 106 balls as Hampshire defeated Leicestershire in the 40-over League.

*v Lancashire, Championship, Liverpool, September 2011*

Ervine came in at number six and struck 128, but Hampshire were still thrashed by 222 runs at Aigburth, despite trailing by only seven runs on first innings.

*v Glamorgan, Championship, Ageas Bowl, May 2012*

Ervine rescued Hampshire from 96-5 with an 109 not out helped the county eventually post 316. They won the game by 31 runs.

*v Middlesex, T20, Richmond, June 2012*

Ervine's undefeated 75 off 51 balls, with three sixes and five fours, guided Hampshire to a four-wicket success after the hosts had posted 156-2.

*v Somerset, T20, Cardiff, August 2012*

Ervine's unbeaten 34 off 23 balls, with five fours, guided Hampshire to the T20 final in south Wales.

After Somerset had been restricted to 125-6 off their 20 overs, Hampshire dipped to 72-4 before Ervine walked in at number six.

Ervine then helped Hampshire beat Yorkshire in the final to win the T20 title for the second time in three seasons.

*v Middlesex, T20, Ageas Bowl, July 2013*

Coming in at number five, Ervine blitzed an undefeated 60 off 34 balls with four sixes and four fours as Hampshire posted 190-3.

In a high-scoring game, Middlesex fell eight runs short at 182-7.

## Title-winning knock

*v Kent, Championship, Ageas Bowl, September 2014*

Ervine, coming in at number seven, top scores with 121 in a drawn encounter at West End.

*v Glamorgan, Championship, Cardiff, September 2014*

Coming in at number seven again, Ervine hits 107 in a game which Hampshire end up winning to clinch the second tier title.

*v Warwickshire, Championship, Edgbaston, April 2015*

Ervine's only hundred of the 2015 campaign came early season, 102 in Birmingham in a drawn encounter.

## Trigger puller quicker than John Wayne

UWE Rosler has become the fifth Leeds manager to move on under chairman Massimo Cellino since he arrived at Elland Road in early 2014.

Italian Cellino earned the nickname "the manager eater" in his homeland due to his penchant for disposing of head coaches during his time at Cagliari, who went through 36 managers in Cellino's 22-year tenure.

Here, the *Sports Pink* profiles the Whites' bosses who have come and gone under Cellino.

**BRIAN McDERMOTT**

Record: 55 games, 21 wins, nine draws, 25 defeats.

Leeds fans were given an early glimpse into Cellino's hiring-and-firing antics when McDermott, originally appointed in 2013 under previous ownership, appeared to lose his job in January 2014, only to be reinstated, as the Italian's takeover was still being processed.

Once he won on appeal, McDermott's days were numbered.

**DAVE HOCKADAY** (pictured)

Record: Six games, two wins, zero draws, four defeats. Cellino's first managerial hiring was ex-Saints coach Hockaday's only experience in the hot seat had been with non-league Forest Green.

He lasted just six games.



**DARKO MILANIC**

Record: Six games, zero wins, three draws, three defeats.

After academy boss Neil Redfearn had steadied the ship with a six-game unbeaten run as caretaker, Slovenian Milanic, who had managed Maribor and Sturm Graz, was tasked with carrying on his good work.

Cellino made reference to head coaches being like watermelons – "You find out about them when you open them". He did not like what was inside, moving on from Milanic after only 32 days.

**NEIL REDFEARN**

Record: 33 games, 11 wins, seven draws, 15 defeats.

Fans' favourite Redfearn was handed the job straight away and although he only won two of his first 13 games, a fine run from January through March, when Leeds lost just three in the league, saved them from relegation.

That run coincided with Cellino's disqualification by the Football League and the writing appeared on the wall for Redfearn as the chairman returned and failed to publicly endorse him.

**UWE ROSLER**

Record: 12 games, two wins, five draws, five defeats.

The ex-Manchester City and Saints striker, who had taken Wigan to the Championship play-offs was given another shot with a second-tier club.

The German presided over four Championship draws at the start and the Whites were unbeaten until mid-September. However, they could only manage a pair of victories on the road. Cellino pulled the trigger again.



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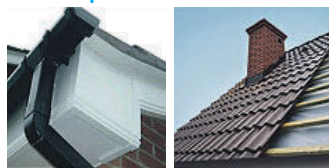


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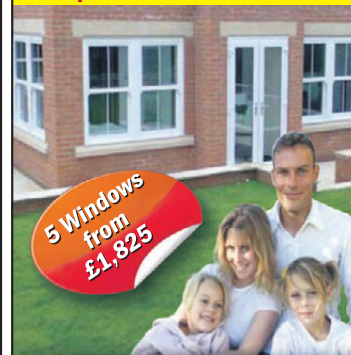
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# Southern Electric Cricket League presentations



From left: Triumphant captains David Henderson (Portsmouth, SPL2), South Wilts pair Tom Pearce (SPL3) and Tom Morton (SPLPD), and New Milton skipper James Park (SPL1) pictures with the respective Divisional trophies. All pictures by LMI Photography.



Promising Hampshire Academy left-hand opening batsman Ben Duggan won the Young Cricketer of the Year award on the back of his 761 Premier Division runs, which included four centuries and three scores of fifty or more. He is the 35th recipient of the John Millett Memorial Salver and the fourth island-based youngster to win it.



Portsmouth's Dave Henderson, right, was on the winner's rostrum for the second time in three seasons after guiding the Southsea club to the Division 2 title in quite dramatic yoyo finish. Top place switched between Portsmouth and OTs & Romsey every week during the August run-in and, when OTs lost their final game to relegated Hursley Park, Portsmouth snatched the trophy.



It was a memorable summer for South Wilts skipper Tom Morton, right, who picked up the Premier Division trophy for a fourth successive season. He also won the Premier Division batting and wicket-keeping awards for a second consecutive season, setting new records for the 979 runs he scored and his 38 dismissals behind the stumps.



James Park, right, led New Milton to the Division 1 title and to a place in the ECB Southern Premier League for the first time in 2016. New Milton enjoyed a dominant summer, winning all bar one of their 16 completed matches. Basingstoke & NH were the only side to beat them.



South Wilts second team captain Tom Pearce, right, made Southern Premier League history when he was presented with the Division 3 championship trophy. South Wilts became the first club to every lift two championship titles in the same season.

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# Southern Electric Cricket League



Alton's Julian Ballinger, left, scooped the Premier Division bowling award for the second time, with 43 wickets.



Spinner Jody Brown, with 40 wickets, helped Old Tauntonians & Romsey win promotion from Division 2 as runners-up behind Portsmouth.



Hook & Newnham Basics paceman Spencer Champ, right, captured 41 wickets in winning the Division 1 bowling award.



South Wilts 2nd XI's Paul Draper snared the SEPL Division 3 bowling prize with 33 wickets.



South Wilts 2nd XI's Sam Pittman snapped up 26 victims to be crowned top SPL3 wicket-keeper.



Keith Trodd, with 27 dismissals, was the leading wicket-keeper in Division 2 as Old Tauntonians & Romsey finished runners-up behind Portsmouth.

● Former Essex and England captain Graham Gooch was the principal guest and speaker at the ECB Southern Premier League dinner at the Southampton Novotel.

He entertained some 250 players, officials and guests for almost an hour, taking a trip down Memory Lane, reflecting on Life in the Fast Lane as England's opening batsman and, specifically, his jousts with Hampshire's West Indian pace bowlers Malcolm Marshall and Andy Roberts at Northlands Road and in the Test arena itself.

He also presented awards to the winning clubs and individual players.

Leading individual performances:

[\*Denotes overseas player]  
ECB Premier Division  
Batting: Tom Morton (South Wilts) 979, Ben Duggan (Academy) 761, \* Michael Pollard (St Cross Symondians) 682, \* Sean Willis (Ventnor) 660, James Hayward (South Wilts) 614, Adam Rouse (St Cross Symondians) 559, Richard Morris (Bashley Rydal) 540, Pete Hopson (Havant) 536.  
Bowling: \* Tom Andrews (Bashley Rydal) 44, Julian Ballinger (Alton) 43, \* Ryan Duffield (South Wilts) 41, Sam Thomson (Bashley Rydal) 38, \* Ben Ashkenazi (Lymington) 34, Matt Melcalfe (Lymington) 34, Dan Goldstraw (Sarisbury Athletic) 33, James Hibberd (South Wilts) 31.  
Wicketkeeping: Tom Morton (South Wilts) 38.  
Catches: Michael Heffernan (Alton) 12.

Division 1  
Batting: Dave Taylor (Andover) 752, Suman Ganguly (Liphook) 643, \* Aaron Wivell (Hartley Wintney) 618, Mitchell Stokes (BNH) 615, Kieran Thomson (Hook & Newnham Basics) 590, Tom Arnold (Totter & Eling) 519, \* Josh Finnie (Bournemouth) 506.  
Bowling: Spencer Champ (Hook & Newnham Basics) 41, Sean Burton (Liphook) 34, James Rose (Calmore Sports) 33, Mitchell Stokes (Basingstoke) 32, \* Josh Finnie (Bournemouth) 32, George Watts (New Milton) 32, Suman Ganguly (Liphook) 32, Nick Elliott (31).  
Wicketkeeping: Ben Wish (Rowledge) 31.  
Catches: Mark Lavelle (Calmore Sports) 11, Nick Elliott 11, Scott Baldwin (Hartley Wintney) 11, Suman Ganguly 11.

Division 2  
Batting: Jack Marston (Portsmouth) 585, Tom Gates (Fawley) 558, Stuart Tognarelli (Sparsholt) 544.  
Bowling: Jody Brown (OTs & Romsey) 40, Wayne Royan (Fawley) 39, Vickram Dawson (Portsmouth) 37, \* Pat Burns (Portsmouth) 35, Wayne Smith (Fawley) 33, Rhidian Chapman (Hambledon) 32, Andrew Marston (Portsmouth) 31, Andrew Denny (Paultons) 30.  
Wicket-keeping: Keith Trodd (OTR) 27, Alex Hammond (Portsmouth) 20, Stuart Gates (Bashley Rydal II) 20.  
Catches: Stuart Shapland (OTR) 17, \* Boswell Chapungu (Hursley Park) 12.

Division 3  
Batting: \* Blake Maher (Gosport Borough) 675, \* Sam Williams (Waterlooville) 622, Oli Kelly (Lymington II) 527, Lee Harrop (Gosport Borough) 527, William Wade (South Wilts) 488, Simon Williams (Trojans) 488, James Christian (Havant II) 463.  
Bowling: Paul Draper (South Wilts) 33, Simon Creal (Gosport Borough) 31, James Aldridge (St Cross Symondians II) 31, Graham Burns (Havant II) 30, Tom Paul (Alton II) 30, Jordan Wright (Trojans) 29, Rob Pittman (South Wilts II) 29.  
Wicket-keeping: Sam Pittman (South Wilts) 26.  
Catches: \*Blake Maher 14, \* Sam Williams 13, Ed Boyd (Trojans) 13.



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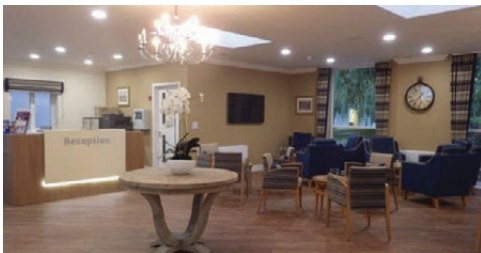
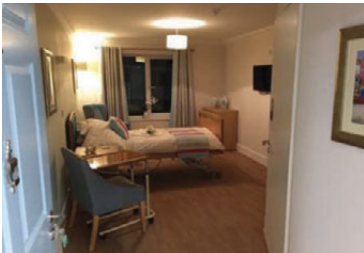




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<b>Arsenal</b> .....L	<b>Everton</b> .....L
HT L-L	
<b>A. Villa</b> .....1	<b>Swansea</b> .....2
Ayew 62	Sigurdsson 68
<b>Leicester</b> .....1	<b>Crystal P</b> .....0
Vardy 59	Att 33,324
HT 0-0	
<b>Norwich</b> .....0	<b>W.B.A</b> .....0
HT 0-0	
<b>Stoke</b> .....0	<b>Watford</b> .....0
HT 0-0	
<b>West Ham</b> .....2	<b>Chelsea</b> .....1
Zarate 17	Cahill 56
Carroll 79	Att 34,977
HT 1-0	

	P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man City	9	4	0	1	17	4		3	0	1	7	4	21	
West Ham	10	2	1	2	10	9		4	1	0	12	4	20	
Arsenal	9	2	1	1	5	2		4	0	1	11	5	19	
Man Utd	9	3	1	0	7	1		3	0	2	8	7	19	
Leicester	10	3	1	1	11	10		2	3	0	9	7	19	
Crystal P	10	2	0	3	6	7		3	0	2	6	4	15	
Tottenham	9	2	3	0	7	3		1	2	1	4	4	14	
W.B.A	10	1	1	3	5	9		3	1	1	3	2	14	
<b>SAINTS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	
Everton	9	1	2	2	6	9		2	2	0	6	2	13	
Swansea	10	2	2	1	6	4		1	2	2	6	8	13	
Liverpool	9	2	1	1	5	6		1	3	1	3	4	13	
Watford	10	1	2	2	1	4		2	2	1	7	6	13	
Stoke	10	1	1	3	4	7		2	2	1	5	5	12	
Chelsea	10	1	2	2	3	7		1	1	3	7	12	11	
Norwich	10	1	1	3	6	8		1	2	4	8	13	9	
<b>CHERRIES</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	
Newcastle	9	1	2	2	11	9		0	1	3	1	10	6	
A. Villa	10	0	1	4	3	7		0	1	4	6	10	4	
Sunderland	9	0	2	2	4	7		0	1	4	4	12	3	

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<b>Blackburn</b> .....0	<b>Burnley</b> .....1
HT 0-0	
<b>Bolton</b> .....1	<b>Leeds Utd</b> .....1
Ameobi 32	Antenucci 71 pen
HT 1-0	
<b>Brighton</b> .....0	<b>Preston</b> .....0
HT 0-0	
<b>Charlton</b> .....0	<b>Brentford</b> .....3
HT 0-0	
<b>Fulham</b> .....4	<b>Reading</b> .....2
McCormack 50	Piazon 13
Dembelo 54,74	Orlando Sa 49
Kacaniklic 56	
HT 0-1	
<b>Huddersfld</b> .....1	<b>Derby City</b> .....2
Bunn 31	Att 18,618
HT 1-1	
<b>Hull</b> .....2	<b>Birmingham</b> .....0
Meyler 36	Att 15,371
Hernandez 38	
HT 2-0	
<b>Nottm For</b> .....1	<b>Ipswich</b> .....1
Trotter 90	Parr 74
HT 0-0	
<b>Q.P.R.</b> .....3	<b>M K Dons</b> .....0
Emmanuel-Thomas 70	Att 19,616
HT 0-0	
<b>Wolves</b> .....1	<b>Middlesbro</b> .....3
Edwards 22	Fabrizini 71
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## SkyBet League One

<b>Barnsley</b> .....0	<b>Fleetwood Town</b> .....1
HT 0-1	
<b>Blackpool</b> .....2	<b>Crewe</b> .....0
White 64	Att 8,764
Redshaw 87 pen	
HT 0-0	
<b>Bradford</b> .....1	<b>Wigan</b> .....1
Hanson 63	Att 8,970
HT 0-0	
<b>Burton Albion</b> .....2	<b>Port Vale</b> .....0
Naylor 84	Att 8,076
El Khayati 90	
HT 0-0	

<b>Chesterfld</b> .....0	<b>Scunthorpe</b> .....3
HT 0-0	
<b>Colchester</b> .....4	<b>Walsall</b> .....4
Moncur 49	McSheffrey 68
Sordell 52	Att 6,340
Garvan 60	
Amrose 80	
HT 0-2	
<b>Gillingham</b> .....1	<b>Southend</b> .....1
Loft 89	Att 3,630
HT 0-1	
<b>Peterboro</b> .....4	<b>Doncaster</b> .....0
Zakuan 9	Att 6,092
Ozumer 36	
Elder 46	
Washington 73	
Att 27,587	
<b>Rochdale</b> .....0	<b>Oldham</b> .....0
HT 0-0	
<b>Sheff Utd</b> .....1	<b>Millwall</b> .....2
Baxter 70	Att 5,690
HT 0-1	
<b>Shrewsbry</b> .....2	<b>Bury</b> .....0
Kaikai 28	Att 19,617
Ogogo 73	
HT 1-0	
<b>Swindon</b> .....2	<b>Coventry</b> .....2
Gladwin 85	Att 4,945
Ajose 90 pen	
HT 0-0	

	P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Gillingham	15	6	2	0	20	7		3	2	2	9	8	31	
Walsall	15	3	2	2	9	6		5	3	0	16	6	29	
Burton Alb	15	4	1	2	9	4		4	0	3	6	9	29	
Coventry	14	4	2	0	11	4		3	2	3	11	8	25	
Wigan	15	4	3	0	13	3		2	3	3	12	15	24	
Sheff Utd	15	5	0	3	17	11		2	3	2	9	10	24	
Bury	17	12	11					4	2	2	13	11	24	
Southend	15	4	0	3	7	7		2	4	2	8	9	22	
Peterboro	15	3	2	3	18	15		3	1	3	12	9	21	
Millwall	14	2	0	4	7	12		2	1	4	15	11	21	
Rochdale	15	4	2	2	12	8		1	3	3	6	8	20	
Scunthorpe	15	4	1	2	6	3		2	1	5	13	16	20	
Chesterfld	15	2	2	4	13	15		4	0	3	8	8	20	
Bradford	14	2	3	2	8	9		3	2	2	8	9	20	
Colchester	15	3	4	1	14	11		2	1	4	11	21	20	
Shrewsbry	15	3	0	5	11	10		2	2	3	8	11	17	
Port Vale	15	3	3	1	11	8		1	2	5	10	17	17	
Oldham	15	1	3	3	8	14		1	7	0	9	8	16	
Blackpool	14	3	2	3	8	10		1	2	3	4	8	16	
Fleetwood T	15	2	3	2	12	6		2	0	6	7	17	15	
Barnsley	14	3	1	4	9	8		1	1	4	7	13	14	
Doncaster	14	2	4	1	8	6		1	1	5	3	14	14	
Swindon	15	1	2	5	11	14		2	2	3	9	12	13	
Crewe	15	0	2	5	7	14		2	2	4	6	10	10	

## SkyBet League Two

<b>Acc Stanley</b> .....3	<b>Dagenham</b> .....1
Connolly 2	Nosworthy 62
Pearson 45	
HT 2-0	
<b>Bristol R</b> .....1	<b>Newport County</b> .....4
Bodin 15	Parkes 13 og
HT 1-1	
<b>Exeter</b> .....1	<b>Notts Cnty</b> .....1
Nichols 20	Noble 31
HT 1-1	
<b>Hartlepool</b> .....1	<b>Crawley</b> .....2
Paynter 80	Walton 66 pen
HT 0-0	
<b>Luton</b> .....1	<b>Plymouth</b> .....2
McQuoid 76	Murphy 76
HT 0-1	
<b>Morecambe</b> .....0	<b>Leyton O</b> .....1
HT 0-1	
<b>Northmptn</b> .....2	<b>Stevenage</b> .....1
Calvert-Lewin 49	Payne 29
Potter 62	Att 2,105
HT 0-1	
<b>Oxford Utd</b> .....2	<b>Barnet</b> .....3
Sercombe 14,41	Weston 26, Akande 29
HT 2-3	
<b>POMPEY</b> .....0	<b>Mansfield</b> .....0
HT 0-0	
<b>Wycombe</b> .....1	<b>Carlisle</b> .....1
Hayes 90	Archibald-Henville 48
<b>Yeovil</b> .....2	<b>Cambridge</b> .....2
Bird 44	Att 3,457
Sheehan 79	Gaffney 26
HT 1-3	
<b>York</b> .....1	<b>AFC Wimbledon</b> .....3
Oliver 60	Att 3,224
HT 0-1	

	P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Plymouth	15	5	1	1	12	6		5	1	2	11	5	32	
POMPEY	15	2	5	1	11	7		5	2	0	11	5	28	
Oxford Utd	15	4	3	1	11	6		3	3	0	11	8	27	
Northmptn	15	5	1	2	13	9		3	2	2	11	10	27	
Mansfield	15	2	4	1	11	5		3	2	1	11	6	26	
Leyton O	15	4	2	1	14	6		3	3	2	12	13	26	
Acc Stanley	15	4	2	2	16	13		3	2	2	7	4	25	
Morecambe	15	3	0	5	14	15		3	2	1	17	12	23	
Carlisle	15	3	2	2	13	12		3	2	3	13	24	23	
Wycombe	15	3	2	2	11	10		2	2	1	7	3	22	
Exeter	15	4	3	1	13	8		2	1	4	8	13	22	
Wimbledon	15	3	1	3	10	12		3	3	2	12	11	22	
Bristol R	14	1	1	5	5	10		5	1	1	12	7	20	
Cambridge	15	2	4	1	8	13		2	4	2	11	10	20	
Luton	15													